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To the Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish copy of the documents required by the 5th Defendant in O. S. No. 213, of 1835, pending before the Pundit Sudur Ameen, on the Stampt paper, furnished with Your letter of the 19th Ultimo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
1st August 1836

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Polliumcottah

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly, for the Sum of Company's Rupees 387-9-4, being the amount of Pay of Your establishment for July 1836, and beg to request its acknowledgement.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
1st August 1836

To the Collector
of
Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to advise You that I have this day drawn upon You a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division, at Sight, for the Sum of Company's Three hundred and Eighty Seven, Annas Nine and Pice Four, being the amount of Pay of his establishment for July 1836, which Sum will be Credited to You under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
1st August 1836

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 387-9-4.

To the Collector
of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight, please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer 4th

4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and eighty seven, Annas Nine and Pice Four, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment, for July 1836, which sum will be credited to You under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
1st August 1836.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Yesterday I had the honor to receive the extract from Your proceedings of the 18th Ultimo, communicating para 21 of a general letter, from the Honorable the Court of Directors, of the 21st October 1835, and Minutes of Consultation of 17th June last, requiring to know what success had attended the efforts of the Collectors of Tinnevelly and Madura, to bring the parties guilty of the outrages in the boundary disputes of their respective Collectorates, to punishment.

The preliminary investigation into the affray in which lives were lost on the 23d October 1835, raised strong suspicion against 6 individuals of Ramnad and 5 of Yettiapooram. By the cordial cooperation and unremitting exertion of the Magistrate of Tinnevelly and myself, 4 of the Ramnad accused, and 2 of the Yettiapooram have been apprehended and tried by the Court of Circuit now sitting at this place; a capital conviction is said to have been entered against some of the parties, but of course has not yet been officially communicated; the exertions of the Magistracy cannot be said to be relaxed for the apprehension of the rest of the accused persons, tho' the search will probably be renewed with greater vigour, when the orders of the Judge of Circuit are known. Considering it as a matter

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of Course to obey Your instructions, I did not think any communication neces-
sary under such circumstances: had there been impossibility or objections in
my mind I should have thought it my duty to have submitted them to You.

The land was sequesterated on the 23d January 1836. Its revenue is
variable, dependent on the Cultivation, and at present only leaves a sufficiency
to pay a Gomastah at 7 Rupees, and one peon at 3½ Rupees per Mensem

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
1st August 1836

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No 11 Exchange for Company's Rupees

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre. Principal Collector of
Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three thousand to be paid at Madras. I
request You will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second
of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny
& Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
2d August 1836

To the Principal Collector
of Malabar

Sir

No advice having yet been received from You for Lieutenant Best's allowances
for November and December 1835 & for Lieutenant Shaw for December 1835, amounting in the
aggregate to Rupees 672 - 2 - 4 apparently paid from Your Treasury. I have the honor to request
you will afford me the usual necessary information to enable me to adjust the charge in
my Accounts as directed in the 2d para of the Accountant General's letter under
date the 15th Ultimo, Copy of which is herewith enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3d August 1836

To the President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 — In the 9th para of my Settlement Report of the 25th August 1834, I shewed that "In the Tanjicombo Taloof the equitable and moderate mediation of my Sheristadar "Seshagherry Row, has succeeded in adjusting boundary disputes in 21 Villages, which had been "pending since the assumption of the Country, and in consequence of which the far greatest portion "was left waste. There is thus added to the Ayan account 2071 Cawnies which I trust will "soon be brought under the plough. The assessment on the portion cultivated last fusly was "Rupees 759." The land revenue assessment for that Year (fusly 1243) was an increase of Rupees 60959 over that of the preceding one.

The Collections on that Account within the fusly were more than in the preceding one by Rupees 148554; and the entire balance was subsequently Collected.

2 In the 12 para of my report on the next Year's Settlement, under date 9th August 1835 I stated "If the Rupees 47370, remitted on account of drought, be added to "the above amount of settlement it would give the demand on the actual Ryotwary "Cultivation and other items of land revenue at Rupees 1626130, which in comparison with "fusly 1236, when the land revenue was at its highest pitch, shews a difference in "favor of fusly 1244 of Rupees 18400. If, as there is reason to believe the present "season has been less favorable than those of the two highest fuslies, 1232 & 1236, "I hope I may be allowed to lead Your Board to attribute it to the very Credit-"able labor and exertions of my Sheristadar in constant careful examination of the accounts, and prompt scrutiny on the spot, easily effected by a judicious distribution of the labors of the other servants which I am inclined to think have, this Year, entirely prevented the usual abuses on the part of the Curnums and Nattamgars."

The land revenue assessment for that year (fusly 1244) was, exclusive of the remission above alluded to, an increase of Rupees 33597 over that of the

preceding one.

The Collections on that account within the fusly were Rupees 1,55,0057; and the balance 18753 has since been entirely Collected.

3 In the 10th para of my report on the last Year's settlement, forwarded Yesterday, I observed "In the 12 para of my report of 2d August 1835, on the settlement of fusly 1244, "I strove to bring what I deemed the merits of the Sheristadar, Shashagiry Row, to Your "Board's favorable attention, and I confess my disappointment to find from its eli-"citing not a single remark, that his Conduct had failed to raise the same "favorable sentiments in Your minds that it had in my own: - Throughout the "Year I have been exceedingly indebted to his facility, knowledge and unwearied "application to business; to the urbanity of his manners towards the Ryots, and "his well directed and ready acquiescence in measures for improving the "prosperity and moral character of the people, without in any instance losing "sight of the interests of Government."

The land revenue assessment for last Year fusly 1245 was an increase of Rupees 11981 over that of the preceding one.

The Collections on that account within the fusly exceeded those of the preceding Year by Rupees 32806 notwithstanding a balance of no less than Rupees 165175 against the Shevagunga Zemindar, regarding which Your Board have been frequently troubled by my reports in detail.

4 On the 16th July 1835, Your Board declined to recommend him to Government for the increased rate of allowances usually drawn by Sheristadar of five Years standing because my application to that effect had been made on an entirely

th July 1835

erroneous calculation.

When I once before made a similar application in behalf of another Sheristadar, Your Board admitted his length of service but declined confirming my recommendation, because the object was not sufficiently deserving —

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I now take the liberty of begging with the utmost earnestness, Your Board's recommendation that Shashagherry Row be permitted to draw the Salary of a Sheristadar of five Years standing from the 12th July 1836, which will be anticipating by One Year, the period at which he would be entitled to beg for it, according the Rules of service; and a reference to the enclosure of my letter of the 5th July 1835, will at once enable Your Board to Correct any mistake I may have this time made in my calculation.

I beg this great indulgence for him on the grounds of his own merit, and of the satisfaction he has invariably given to all under whom he has served; and on the grounds of the increasing wealth and prosperity of the district in which he is Sheristadar, and of its increased and increasing revenues: I also beg it in compensation of a patronage which, I believe, is very generally exercised in other Collectorates, but which I have thought for the interest of Government to interdict him from in this. I allude to the patronage of his own family and Dependants. His son in law is the only man of his family who has been appointed in this District since I was honored with the charge of it. & his situation is Confined to the Pagoda of Meenatchee Ammal. from which he is paid, and not by Government and the order to which he has reduced that establishment has amply compensated me for the deviation from my general rule; and I beg to say he was called from the Trichinopoly Cutcherry, because there was no one at Madura to whom the charge could have been safely entrusted. And to the best of my belief not a single hanger on has received any appointment; the few situations that have been vacant, have been filled to the best of his judgement, on score of merit and fitness alone. This point I shall have no difficulty in proving by documents if Your Board require it, as I can also his merit in collection of the Extra revenue & in the great economy introduced into every branch of expenditure.

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the interior management of the Cutcherry, the punctuality and Shope; precision of the accounts; and I will also add that in every measure for the improvement of the police I have met with great aid from his advice and Co-operation.

If Your Board should be induced to recommend my request, and the Government to accede to it, I think I may venture to assert the boon will be as gratefully accepted as considerately bestowed. Independent of its being a great personal accomodation it will be received as a high honor and Mark of approbation in being given before the period of Service would excuse the application for it.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr

Madura
3d August 1820

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I beg You will excuse my not forwarding the Sub Collector's Report on Fusly 1245 with my own, Yesterday; it had not reached me till my own was signed.

It seems to call for scarce any Remarks in explanation but it may be proper, to prevent misconception on Your part, to point out a slight in-accuracy in forming his Comparative percentage of Mr Hurdis's original assessments, and its Subsequent reductions, and observe that no Reductions have ever been made in the Talook of Maroongapoory, and Consequently it should not have been included with the other here

3. I imagine Mr Lockhart must have gone beyond the intention of Mr Pinch, as he certainly did of my self in renting the Puttapahr Hill in Yamoocalaupoorum, if it produced no such article as honey, wax, teak or Blackwood; and in no Case had the Renter Authority to interfere with the habitual rights of the hill people. At all events it will be easy for me to adjust this as soon as I obtain further information

Sub Colls Report
F 1245

for

for which I have called without troubling your Board - My opinion regarding the Rent was communicated to the Sub Collector on the 5th December last -

4 Mr. Lockhart seems to have introduced his brief notice of the Davastanum funds without recollecting that a revenue Report is not the proper place in which to bring it forward.

The Tusdeek continued, as originally fixed by Mr. Hurdis, the revenue of the Villages from which it is payable varies of course, and the deficiency of Taudycomboo is made up from the surplus of Tyemfully, still leaving a net surplus for Government.

The deficiency in Taudycomboo arises from the impoverishment of some of the Davastanum Villages, which are consequently left uncultivated.

As the funds of the Maraongafoory Davastanom decrease so does the expenditure on account of the Tusdeek decrease also. They are not required to be made up by the Government.

It is scarce necessary while Mr. Lockhart's Report is before you to point out the increased Settlement and care with which the Collections have been made, & which I doubt not will give You Entire Satisfaction.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura

3d August 1830

1311. Exchange for Company's Rupees 400

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas W. Goodwyn Esqre. Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred to be paid at Madras, I request You will, at ten days After Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the Said Sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., but not to their Orders, as per

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advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th August 18[illegible]

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to Your Board's endorsement on Petition No. 499 of 1836, forwarded with Your letter of the 14th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that the Garden in question does not appear as Maunium in the Accounts of Fusly 1212, but is deducted as Poramboke upto Fusly 1244. The Perwanah produced by the Petitioner to establish his claim appears to be more of the nature of a private letter than a regular authority issued on such occasions to Tahsildars, but if it could be considered as such the Garden would have been entitled to exemption from tax. I beg to send the original Perwanah, and its translate, for Your information and as the Garden was assessed in Fusly 1245+, in common with others on the banks of the Vygay River, as directed in Your Board's proceedings of the 17th September 1835, I beg to be favored with Your further instructions to enable me to dispose of the Petition, which I beg to return for Your reconsideration.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
4th August 1836

+ In the [illegible] Circar Village Cawnies 1 3/16 Tax Rupees 30-8-8
In the [illegible] Village [illegible] 3 23/16 — Rs. 30-3-10
61-12-6

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Seal of Nawab
ul-Omrah Anwar
[illegible] Bahadoor

To the Wife of the deceased Mahomed Abrar Khan.

Your Address has been received and the Contents known; in consideration that Mahomed Abrar Khan was our old friend, we have determined that the produce derived from the Garden, should be appropriated for the use of Lamp oil, Fateah and praying, according to his wishes; and, in Conformity to this order You will appropriate the proceeds of the Garden for the charges of the Sepulchre

Sepulchre - All present Amildars, and who may in future be appointed, will give effect to this order - What can I write more

21st Zilhedge
1218 Hegerie

Written to the wife of the deceased Mahomed Abrar Khan

Registered in the Dewans Dufters on the 22d of the above Month & Year.
Registered in the Sheristadars Dufters on the 23d of the above Month & Year.
Registered in the Moonshees Dufters on the 24th of the above Month & Year
Registered in the Hoozoor Dufters on the 25th of the above Month & Year

(True translate) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation under date the 13th June, conveyed in the extract from the proceedings of Your Board of the 23d of the same month, received 15th July, I have the honor to forward a table of the duties leviable upon goods, exported to Ceylon from this, and imported from thence —— I learn from the Merchants of this District that if the Import duty at Ceylon, on paddy of 20 Rupees per garce, and 50 Rupees on a garce of Rice, and Anchorage duty from 5 to 18 Rupees on the Tonnage, as also the rates of duty on several other articles were reduced, the Commerce between this District and Ceylon would greatly increase.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th August 1806

To the Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish authenticated Copies of the Documents

documents, required by the Plaintiff in O.S. No. 151 of 1834, pending before the Acting Register, on stamp papers, forwarded with Your letter of the 29th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th August 1836

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copy of the document required by the Defendant in O.S. No. 69 of 1835, pending before the Sudder Ameen, on the One Stamp paper, forwarded with Your letter of Yesterday's date.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th August 1836

Madura 5th August 1836.

I hereby Certify that I received under my charge from the Principal Collector of Madura, Five Boxes on Banghies said to contain Treasure to the Amount of Company's Rupees One Lac, to be delivered to the Collector of Tinnevelly together with the Sum of Rupees (3) Three, for Lamp oil on the road.

(Marked) Lawl Beg
Havildar 33rd Regiment N.I.

Duplicate
Madura 5th August 1836.

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura in good order & well conditioned, Five Boxes, said to contain Treasure to the amount of Company's Rupees One Lac, to be delivered to the Collector of Tinnevelly

(Marked) Lawl Beg
Havildar 33rd Regt. N.I.

No. 362

To the Officer Commanding
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request You will have a guard ready at

at my Treasury this afternoon, if possible, to escort a Lac of Rupees to Tinnevelly -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collector

Madura
5th August 1836

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Account Current of the Military Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, forwarded to You, with the Monthly accounts for June, on account of Sums advanced to him on the letter of Credit No. 7 dated 21st April 1836, I have the honor to forward a duplicate receipt No. 54, dated 7th May for Rupees 5-5-9.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
5th August 1836

To The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish authenticated Copies of the documents required by Plaintiff in O.S. No. 170 of 1835, on the 15 Stampt papers, forwarded with Your letter of the 18th Ultimo, and on 23 Stampt papers, furnished by the Pattail, as described in the accompanying Tamil list.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th August 1836

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I beg leave to send as a Specimen of the inferior Manufacture a small quantity of the paper supplied to me by the court, and to state that a moiety of each quire of the different sorts is equally bad.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
5th August 1836 -

To the Collector

of Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to Your letter of the 8th June last I have the honor to forward a Mahratta Statement of the Maniams allotted in the Villages of the Talook of Marongapoory to Yagmanesawmy Pagoda at Trichinopoly, Shewing the Statement Collection and Balance from fusly 1240 to 1245

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th August 1836

To the Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In consequence of the Instructions of the Accountant General I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard, under the escort of Laul Beg Havildar of the 33d Regiment N. I. the Sum of Company's Rupees (100000) One Lac, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

The original receipt granted by the above Havildar is also enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
5th August 1836

To the Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to the directions contained in Your letter of the 12th Ultimo, I have this day dispatched to the Collector of Tinnevelly under charge of a Guard, Commanded by Laul Beg, Havildar of the 33d Regiment N. I. the Sum of Company's Rupees (100000) One Lac, as per triplicate Invoice enclo

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th August 1836

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

In consequence of the Instructions of the Accountant General I hav[e] ... the

the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard under the escort of Laul Beg Havildar of the 33d. Regiment N. I., the Sum of Company's Rupees (100000) One Lac, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

The original receipt granted by the above Havildar is also enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
5th August 1836.

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that in the short space of 11 Months I have received no less than 42 recriminatory Complaints from the Zemindar of Ramnad, and Pundarum of Ramiswaram, who entirely evade the orders of Your Board for their Mutual Conduct; orders which appear to me admirably calculated to preserve the integrity of the institution, at the same time that it withdraws European interference as much as possible. The principal ground of Controversy between them is the ceremonial of address, which I took much pains to adjust, in a manner that seemed fair, and which I hoped would have been acceptable to both; and Copy and translation of which I beg to submit for Your approbation or Correction; and at the same time, I beg leave to recommend that the Ramiswaram Devastanam should be again put under precisely the same Control as during the Pundarum's late confinement in Jail, with instructions again to restore its management to the Pundarum, under the Superintendence of the Zemindar, after any fixed period you may think proper to assign, or after my again reporting on the subject at the close of the Current Fasly.

Your

[margin:] .. July 1835

Translation

Proceedings of the Principal Collector of the Zillah of Madura dated 8th March 1836.

On the 24th August 1835, the Superintendence of the Rameswaram Davastanum was made over to the Pundarum in conformity with the Board's orders of the 30th July 1835, and written instructions given to the Pundarum, and the Ramnad Zemindar, as supervisor, how to conduct themselves: but as the parties have disagreed as to the mode of their mutual address=es to each other, and several Complaints and Counter Complaints have been preferred, their unwillingness to abide by the orders of the Board is plainly seen; and the Principal Collector there=fore deems it expedient to frame the following Rules to be in future strictly observed by both parties

First. Saidoo Ramanunda Pundarum should not sign his communications and accounts as "Covil Durma Kurther" but as "Veecharana Kurther" according to long esta=blished customs of the Government records.

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Second. All accounts mentioned in the 3d para of the Rules dated 24th August 1835 should be signed & delivered to the Zemindar's Sumperdy. All extra charges of Tusdeek & Mayenzya=bitah, mentioned in the latter part of the 5th para of the Board's letter, should be reported to the Collr, thro' the Zemindar, & such charges be defrayed after obtaining the Collector's permission. The Pundarum has no authority of himself to defray excess charges, or to increase the Number of Servants or their Pay over and above the fixed Mayenzabitah. If such is absolutely necessary it must be reported to the Principal Collector, thro' the Zemindar with sufficient reasons for the recommendation.

Third. As stated in the first para of the Rule, the Pundarum should superintend the receipts and Disbursements of the Davastanum as also of appointments and dismissals of servants. If any Complaints of deviation or injustice be made, the

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Principal Collector will enquire into the Case.

Fourth The Zemindar should not interfere with the Authority of the Pundarum or with receipts & Disbursements of the Davastanam; but if any alterations take place, it must be reported to the Prin. Collector who will call upon the Pundaram for Explanation, and orders will be given.

Fifth All servants employed by the Pundarum, without permission, and increased salaries should be cancelled forthwith; but if any of these are absolutely necessary, the Pundaram should report it to the Principal Collector, thro' the Zemindar, with satisfactory reasons and he will issue such orders as the Case may merit.

Sixth. The Zemindar and Pundaram should set aside their vindictive feeling towards each other and conduct their respective superintendence with cordiality, and if the Pundarum does not abide according to the above rules from this day forward within one Month, the Superintendence will be assumed from him, and the Circumstance reported to the Board. The forms of Public Correspondence to be observed between both parties are as follows.

The Pundarum is to address the Zemindars Cutcherry

"To the Samosam Cutcherry of the Ramnad Zemindary
"by Saidoo Ramnada Pundaram, the "Vicharana Kurther"
"of the Ramiswaram Davastanam, Writes particulars."

The Zemindar is to address the Pundaram.

"From the Samosam Cutcherry of the Ramnad Zemindary
"to Saidoo Ramanada Pundarami the "Vecharana Kurther"
"of the Ramiswaram Davastanum. Orders"

Ordered that a Copy of this determination be this day furnished to both parties for their future guidance.

(True translate)

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

your Board will well believe the Pundarom is little equal to the Revenue Cares, which devolve on him by virtue of his Office.

I beg to observe that the mode of address before prevailing was "From Eashwera Bhut to the Zemindar, and from the Zemindar to Easwera Bhut". Easwera Bhut is a servant of the Pundarom. The Zemindar objected to its Continuance; and in Consideration of Section XVI of Regulation VII of 1817 I concurred with him.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
6th August 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 4th Instant, reporting on the Commercial intercourse between this District and Ceylon I have the honor to supply my omission to bring to Your notice the great inconvenience felt in mercantile transactions in consequence of the Coins of the one country not being Current in the others.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
6th August 1836

To the Collector of
Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Goodwyn Esqr. Register to the Zillah Court of Your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary and House rent for July 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as Noted in the Margin, leaving You to draw, and Credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same

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| Salary for July 1836 | 525 - " - " |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ Pr Cent | 32 - 13 - " |
| | 492 - 3 - " |
| House rent for Do. | 35 - " - " |
| C.Rs. | 527 - 3 - " |

Same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
1st August 1836

The Honorable Company Dr.

To my house rent as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of July 1836 — Rs. 35 - 0

Madura 1st August 1836
(Signed) J. W. Goodwyn
Regr.

Received this third day of August 1836 from the Honorable Company through the Principal Collector of Madura the abovementioned Sum of Company's Rupees thirty five

(Signed) J. W. Goodwyn
Regr.

CRs. 35

The Honorable Company Dr.

To my Salary as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of July 1836 — 525

Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ Pr Cent — 32 - 13

Balance — 492 - 3

(Signed) J. W. Goodwyn Regr.

Received this 3d day of August 1836 from the Honorable Company, through the Principal Collector of Madura, the above mentioned Sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and ninety two and annas three

(Signed) J. W. Goodwyn
Regr.

CRs. 492 - 3

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. Yesterday morning I received the requisition, advised in your letter of the 12th Ultimo, from the Collector of Tinnevelly, and in the course of the day forwarded him the Lac of Rupees.

2. The annexed memorandum will shew the State of the

Madura

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Madura Treasury, and will, I trust, satisfy You of the necessity of supplying me with a Lac of Rupees by the 20th proximo at the latest.

3 Your drafts are now at 45 days sight, in consequence of which the Merchants are little likely to trouble You; should You give them at a shorter sight a Lac of Rupees will not suffice.

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| Balance on hand | 86838 - 7 - 5 |
| Expected Collection in August | 50000 - " |
| | 136838 - 7 - 5 |
| Expected disbursements in August | 83000 - " |
| Do. up to 12th September | 50000 - " - " |
| | 133000 - " - " |
| Balance | 3838 - 7 - 5 |

Madura
6th August 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees 9, paid by Chittoor Vencut Raw, Sheristadar of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette from 1st April to 31st December 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
6th August 1836

No. 12 Exchange for Company's Rupees .... 9 - "

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Chittoor Vencut Raw, Sheristadar of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Nine, been

being the Amount of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette from 1st April to 31st December 1836, to be paid at Madras, I request You will at sight of this my first Bill (the 2d. of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
6th August 1836

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Chittoor Vencatrow, Sheristadar of the Sub Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees (9) Nine, on account of his subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, from 1st April to 31st December 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
6th August 1836

To the Principal Collector
Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esqr., Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge of Coimbatore, for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary for July 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving You to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil Fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in Your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

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| Salary for July 1836 | 1400 |
| Deduct Civil Fundat 6 pr. Cent | 84 |
| Rs. | 1316 |

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
10th August 1836

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The Honorable Company

To my allowance as Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge in the Zillah of Salem at Coimbatore for the Month of July 1836 | Rs. A. P. 1400 - -

Deduct

Amount of Subscription to the Civil fund at 6 per Cent | 84 - -

Nett amount Rupees | 1316 - -

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Asst. Judge

Madura Zillah Court
1st August 1836

Received this 8th day of August 1836 from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the abovementioned sum of Company's Rupees One thousand three hundred and sixteen.

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Asst. Judge

Recd. 8th Augt. 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Secretary to the College Board
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you I have this day despatched the Books furnished from the College.

English

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| A Sketch of Ancient History | 6 Copies |
| History of Mysore | 3 do. |

Persian & Hindoostanee

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| Bagh o Buhar | 1 do. |
| Goolistan | 2 do. |
| Analysis of Arabic | 1 do. |

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
Thiroomungalam
9th August 1836
Despatched 10th

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
Tiroomungalam
9th August 1836
Despd. 10th

To the Paymaster Southern Division

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Bill of Charges, amountg to Rupees One, for Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul, on the 16th July 1836, and request You will be good enough to remit me the Amount

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

Madura
10th August 1836

The Honorable Company ---- Dr.

To hire for a Bullock and Driver to Convey Rupees 5273 – 8 – 10 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 221 dated 11th July 1836 ..... Rupees 1 – " – "

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Collr.

Madura
Tiroomungalam
10th August 1836

Received the amount Viz. One Rupee

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Colr.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of D. R. Lemmond Esqr., Assistant Collector of Your district, for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on Account of his Salary &ca for July 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving You to draw, and Credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in Your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

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| Salary for July 1836 | 350 – " – " |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ Pr. Cent | 21 – 14 – " |
| | 328 – 2 – " |
| Fixed Tent allowance for do. | 42 – " – " |
| House rent for do. | 35 – " – " |
| CRs. | 405 – 2 – " |

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

Madura
10th Augt. 1836

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Dr.

The Honorable Company

| | Cps. A. P. |
|---|---|
| To my Salary as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly for the Month of July 1836 | 350 - " - " |
| Deduct | |
| Amount of Subscription to the Civil Fund at 6¼ Pr. Cent | 21 - 14 - " |
| Nett amount Rupees | 328 - 2 - " |

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Asst. Collr.

Madura Zillah Court
1st August 1836

Received this 6th day of August 1836, from the Honorable Company, through the Principal Collector of Madura, the abovementioned sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred & twenty eight & Annas two.

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Asst. Collr.

Recd. 8th Augt. 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Dr.

The Honorable Company

| | Cps. A. P. |
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| To my House rent as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly for the Month of July 1836 | 35 - " - " |
| Company's Rupees | 35 - " - " |

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Asst. Collr.

Madura Zillah Court
1st August 1836

Received this 6th day of August 1836, from the Honorable Company, through the Prinl. Collector of Madura the abovementioned Sum of Company's Rupees thirty five

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Asst. Collr.

Recd. 7th Augt. 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Dr.

The Honorable Company

| | Cs. A. P. |
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| To my fixed Tent allowance as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly for the Month of July 1836 | 42 - " - " |
| Company's Rupees | 42 - " - " |

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Assist. Collr.

Madura Zillah Court
1st August 1836

Received this 6th day of August 1836, from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the abovementioned Sum of Company's Rupees Forty two

(Signed) D. R. Limmond
Assist. Collr.

Recd. 8th Augt. 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne

To the President & Members

of the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

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With reference to the extract from the minutes of Consultation under date the 25th July, conveyed in the extract of Your Board's proceedings of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to state that there is no public accommodation either at Tonitoray or Ramasweram for a detachment of Sappers and Miners, or a party of Convicts proposed to be employed at Paumban, Except Chuttrums & Choultrees erected for purposes of charity, which cannot be considered available, but there would be little difficulty in preparing huts for their reception.

Should the Government command me to prepare them accordingly, I should be glad to be favored with an Estimate and dimensions of buildings usually raised for such purposes. A careful surveillance over the Boats will render huts perfectly safe for Convicts.

It might perhaps also be desirable to have a temporary bungalow erected in readiness for any European officer, who may be sent in command of the party, as the strong winds that sometimes blow make a tent a very unpleasant residence. Should I be ordered to erect one a plan and maximum of expense to be incurred would be of great service in preventing any delay.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura

10th August 1836

To the President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

With reference to Your circular of the 28th Ultimo this day received

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I have the honor to request your instructions if the Standing forms issued long since from Your office and comprising many native terms in the headings, are to be continued in the same, or to be translated into english so as to tally with the terms to be used in Correspondence.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
9th Augt 1830 }
Disp. 11th

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to request You will bring to the Notice of Government the advantage that would accrue to the town and District of Madura by the erection of a Bridge over the Vyghey, close to the Fort, and on the great road from Madras thro' Trichinopoly to Palamcottah.

2. A sketch estimate has been furnished me, by the Acting Civil Engineer, for one of 13 Arches, of 54 feet span each, on an estimate of from 33 to 36000 Rupees.

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3. If I were permitted to make use of the Stones from this dilapidated Fort, and had the aid of all the prisoners now in the Zillah Jail, the expenditure would be considerably lessened and might be met in part, under the sanction of Government by Surplus funds of the Pagodas of Meenachee ammal and Alleghery Sawmy, within the Fort, to an extent of 14 or 15000 Rupees, and we might expect to raise about 7000 Rupees, by Subscription.

The district requires in a still greater degree the erection of five or six other bridges, but they are distant from the means of Construction Careful Supervision, Convenience of Workmen and materials &c. and they are not of any thing like the magnitude of the one for which I now beg to offer my recommendation.

4. If it is necessary to obtain Military information on the propriety of further destroying the ditch and ramparts of the Fort, I hope Your Board will

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be good enough to obtain it.

Signed) J. Blackburne

Prin^l. Collector

Madura
10^th August 1836

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Authenticated Copies of the documents required by Defendant in O.S. No. 151 of 1834, pending before the acting Register on the remaining 3 stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 29^th Ultimo, and one stampt paper, with your letter of the 5^th Instant.

Signed) J. Blackburne

P^l. Collector

Madura
10^th August 1836

To the Acting Judge

of

Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8^th Instant, enclosing extract Proceeds. Foujdaree Adalut, dated the 3^d Instant, their minute required, I have the honor to inform You 500 Convicts could be employed with advantage on the road in the immediate vicinity of Dindigul and of Madura. but as there is also much work nearer to the Jail, for which I have not submitted estimates, because it was within their and Your power, if You had thought advisable, without troubling the Superior Courts – I beg leave to recommend that every prisoner, whose services can be made available, should be put under my directions for that purpose, or still better if they are left under Your own directions, & I be permitted to offer You my views of the Subject – views which I have taken up on a careful observation of the roads and Fort during the two last monsoons.

Madura
10^th August 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne

P^l. Coll^r.

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To the Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish authenticated Copies of the Tamil documents required by plaintiff in O. S. No. 83 of 1836 on 12 of the 15 Stampt papers forwarded with Your letter of the 19th Ultimo The remaining 3 Stampt papers for the English documents I beg to return

J as I regret I cannot furnish them being prohibited by the Board of Revenue in the letter dated the 18th Ultimo from furnishing Copies of Official documents to individuals without previous Sanction -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
10th August 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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Gentlemen,

1 In answer to the querries Contained in the letter from the Secretary to the Supreme Government, of the 30th May, to the Chief Secretary of Madras, Copy of which I had the honor to receive with Your proceeds: of the 25th Ultimo, on the 6th Instant, I beg leave to inform You that no mu=nicipal Regulation Can be said to exist, or funds to be Collected

R or appropriated to municipal purposes in any Town or Village of this district with exception of the Fort of Madura itself, to the Cleaning of which Government have granted the use of 4 Scavenger's Carts at an annual expence of 504 - Rupees, and the employ of five Convicts -

2 A former Magistrate, it is true, did exact Certain Services from the Inhabitants of populous places towards their own protection

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the cleanliness of the place but he had no Authority to enforce them, and tho' habit has kept them up in some Villages, they are entirely overlooked in others

3. I am afraid there are few towns in this district that can be considered opulent and populous when compared with many in Bengal, and I should think it a peculiarly unfavorable moment to impose a separate tax for municipal purposes when measures are taking to impose anew a Moturpha and Visabuddy tax upon the people.

4 Perhaps there is not yet such an advancement in civilization as to make the measure of municipal regulations generally necessary; but if Government think otherwise, I would with submission recommend the Visabuddy and Moturpha tax should be raised to such extent as to enable the Government to meet all necessary disbursements direct.

5 I do not offer this recommendation from a disinclination to commit to the people the care of their own comfort and interests, but from consideration that even in their own Village concerns and in petty expences it is customary for them to rejoice in committing both the Collections and Disbursements to one, and relieving themselves from all further trouble on that head; and I am also satisfied whatever is done by a body in this Country is very inefficiently performed, and that the bulk of the people must still be compelled to do that which is for their own interest, comfort & improvement.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Collr.

Madura
11th August 1836

Memorandum

The Prin. Collr. has the honor to forward for the use of

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Palamcottah.

Sir,

Under the instructions of the Board of Revenue I have the honor to request you will point out to me, in reference to Lieut. Bests Diary, generally where you consider the purposed improvements of the large tanks can most effectually be carried into effect, and the Board desire that your report might be accompanied by any observation that may occur to me & be transmitted to the inspector general at my earliest Convenience.

May I request you will favor me with a view to day when you will be prepared to execute your part of this Duty.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Collector

Madura
11th August 1836

Eng: Acts No. XV to XVII of 1836. Tamil Taluga } XVI of do.

the Sub Collector's Office 2 Printed Copies of the Acts noted in the Margin and request their receipt may be acknowledged.

(Signed) J Blackburne.
Princl. Collector

Madura } 11th August 1836 }

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Eng: Acts No. XV to XVII of 1836. Tamil Taluga } XVI of do.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 printed Copies of the Acts, noted in the Margin, forwarded with Your letter of the 8th Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura } 11th August 1836 }

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to retransmit the 2 Bills of Lieutt. Best, together with a Certificate of last payment by the Principal Coll. of Malabar, as directed in the 1st Para of Your letter of the 15th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Colltr.

Madura } 11th August 1836 }

Calicut 1st August 1836.

This is to Certify that Lieutt. J. Best, late Acting Civil Engineer, of the 4th Division, has drawn part of his Allowances from the Treasury under my Charge to the 31st January 1836, and to no later period.

(Signed) R. Clementson
Pl. Colltr.

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

The Principal Collector of Salem having apprized me, in his letter of the 20th Ultimo, that he has given me Credit for Rupees 1670. 8-1, refunded by Mr. E. Bannerman, on account of a deficiency in the Treasury of the Zillah Court of Madura, I request You will be good enough to let me know if the Amount is to be remitted to You, or to be deposited with the Court Money now in my Treasury.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
11th August 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to bring to Your Notice that for the last few months not less than 70 individuals residing, or passing on the border of the Alaghur Sawmy Pagoda, in a range of hills, extending about 30 Miles, have been carried off by a Tyger, still infesting that range, and the Villagers have become so alarmed that 2 or 3 have been entirely deserted and the rest are afraid to Cultivate the lands bordering the Hills, and pilgrims and other devotees are afraid to resort thither as usual. I have, therefore, the honor to request Sanction for 500 Rupees from the Alaghery Pagoda funds, for the purpose of keeping up a

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small establishment of Matchlockmen till such time as the Animals shall be destroyed - particular care shall be taken to limit the charge that no unnecessary expence be incurred - and I have already taken all ordinary precautions in vain -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
13th August 1836

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 2d. August, 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill, on the Accountant General, for Rupees 3, paid by Mr. J.H. Hogg, Assistant Revenue Surveyor, for subscription in advance for the Fort St. George Gazette, for the present Quarter -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
13th. August 1836

No. 13 Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 3 -

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. James Henry Hogg, Assistant Revl. Surveyor, the sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount of his Subscription, in advance, to the Fort St. Gazette, for the present quart[er] to be paid at Madras, I request You will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said Sum to the Secretary to Government in the public Departm[ent]

but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collr.

Madura
13th August 1836

Received from Mr. James Henry Hogg Assistant Revenue Surveyor, the sum of Company's Rupees Three on account of subscription in advance to the Fort St. George Gazette for the present Quarter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
13th August 1836

Received from the Acting Paymaster, Southern Division a draft in duplicate for Rupees 33 - 10 - / Dated 10th August 1836 being pay in arrears for July 1836, for Native pensioners attached to Public Bungalows.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
13th August 1836

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to the Tamil Memo: which accompanied your letter of the 8th June last, I have the honor to forward a list of the Cattle belonging to Jeymantsawmy Pagodah in your District sent for pasturage into this, as forwarded by the Tahsildar of Mandacolum

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
13th August 1836

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 20 Stampt papers forwarded

with Your letter of the 20th Ultimo, and to state that the Documents Required by defendants in O.S. No. 172 of 1835 are not forthcoming in this Office.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
13th August 1836

To the Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant to the Jailor with the prisoner Vyapooryapillay, Curnum of Thandy Village, in the Teroomungalum Talook, Committed for Concealing lands and making false entries in the Accounts of fusly 1245, sentenced to 3 Months imprisonment, on failing to pay the fine of 50 Rupees, imposed upon him according to Clause fourth Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
13th August 1836

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to Your letter of the 28th Ultimo, directing retrenchments against Mr. Lockhart, I have the honor to forward One from him, with its enclosure.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
16th August 1836

To the Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose the following Cadjan Drafts, in payment of Public Revenue, which I request You will be so good as to realize. Viz.

One Draft on Nattoocottah Arnachellum Chetty, at Moottiah pettah in

Pavalacura

Panalacaura Street, at Madras, drawn by Naattoocottah Veerapah Chetty at 30 days sight ... Rupees 51786-10-

One Draft on Nattoocottah Armoogum Chetty, at Do. Do., Drawn by Naattoocottah Ramen Chetty, at 30 days sight ... 21635-1-

One Do. on Do. Ramanaden Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Moothapen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 3200-

One Do. on Do. Chinnacuspen Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Ramen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 2300-

One Do. on Do. Annamalay chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Seva-ramen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 2000-

One Do. on Do. Ramnaden Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Ramen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 613-

One Do. on Do. Ramnaden Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Ramen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 2006-11-9

One Do. on Do. Vellayapen Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Sattapen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 1550-

One Do. on Do. Pareanen Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Latchmanen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 3475-

One Do. on Do. Kistnen Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Chettya-pah Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 490-

One Do. on Do. Armoogum Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Soobramaneyen Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 110-

One Do. on Do. Paraaurpen Chetty at Do. Do. Drawn by Chedumbaram Chetty, at 30 Do. ... 70-

Total 89286-11-9

Madura
17th August 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th June 1836, (Page 407.) I have the

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the honor to transmit a Bill, on the Accountant General, for Rupees 5-12-", paid by D. R. Limmond Esqre, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, being the Value of Copy of Circular Orders of the Sudder Uddalut and the Acts of 1834/35.

+No 182 of 1834. 1-2-3 & 4 of 1835.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
16th August 1836

No 4 Exchange for Company's Rupees —— 5-12-"

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from David Rous Limmond Esqre, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Five and Annas Twelve, being the Value of Copy of Circular Orders of the Sudder Audalut, and the Acts of 1834/35, to be paid at Madras, I request You will, at sight of this My first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Secretary to Govt in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

No 142 of 1834 1-2-3 & 4 of 1835.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura
16th August 1836

Received from D. R. Limmond Esqre, Register of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees five and Annas Twelve, being the Value of Copy of Circular Orders of the Sudder Adalut, and Acts No 142 of 1834 & 1-2-3 & 4 of 1835.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
16th August 1836

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, Yesterday, of the extract of Your proceedings of the 25th Ultimo, Confirming the appointment of Gonapathy

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Tambran to the Superintendence of the Davastans of Piramalai in Shevagungah, but hesitating to apply to those Davastans, the rules approved of for Ramiswerum, till after my report on Petition 656 of 1836 (herewith returned), in which Ganapathy Denies the right of the Shevagunga Zemindar's interference; supporting that denial by Copies of orders in part translated from my predecessors in Office.

th inclosure) 2 In my letter of the 1st July, recommending Ganapathy's right to the Superintendence, I attempted to shew my Conviction that the endowments were the gift of the former Rajahs of the Country; that the Superintendence was Conferred on the first Pundaurum, being the 8th in precedence to Ganapathy, by the then reigning Rajah; and that subsequently the Nomination of Superintendent was allowed to rest with the Superior of the Teroovaumalai Madom.

3. Ganapathy supplied Your Board with Correct Copies of an order of Mr Viveash, of the 14th September 1830, and of one of Mr Wroughton, with translate, under date 21st September 1833, in proof that the Zemindar has no right of Superintendence. To me both those orders seem to declare explicitly the Zemindar's right of Supervision, at the same time reserving the Government right, provided for under Regulation VII of 1817. The petition Confines itself, as far as the question of right is Concerned, to this single asseveration, and this interpretation in proof; and neither in the Petition, nor on any records, is anywhere found an attempt to shew that the Zemindar ever divested himself of the right of Supervision, which the Petition must be supposed to admit he once had, when it admits that the Davastan was protected by the ancestors of the present Zemindar.

4. I beg leave to renew my recommendation that in the same way that the Pundarum of Ramiswerum is restricted to the management of the Pagoda funds & Ceremonies under the Zemindar of

of Ramnad. So far shall the Tumberan of Pramalai be placed under the Supervision of the Zemindar of Shevagunga.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
17th August 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 I have the honor to forward address, and translate of the 13th Instant from the Zemindar of Shevagunga in which You must make allowance for his miscalculation. The balance due from him at the end of the fusly was Rupees.

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| | 165175 - 15 - 2 - |
| Amount of 12 Cajan Bills forwarded to the Sub Treasurer | 89286 - 11 - 9 - |
| | 713 - 4 - 3 - |
| Readymoney paid this day | 90000 - " - " |
| Present balance | 75175 - 15 - 2 - |

Of this You have already, under date 26th June, permitted 40000 to lie over for Collection with the Kists of the Current Year. The Zemindar begs You will extend this indulgence to 60000 Rupees, and promises to pay the Remainder from the unsold grain still in hand.

Memo: Consult

2 This payment has in no wise induced me to alter my sentiments as to the advantage of assuming this Zemindary, but, as I had the honor to state in my letter of the 18th Ultimo, I await Your instructions for my future Guidance.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
17th August 1836

Translation of an address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga to J. Blackburne Esquire Principal Collector of Madura.

I have had the honor to receive the Notice of the 11th July, showing the Balance against my Zemindary, for fusly 1245, to be Rupees 167964 - 8 - " : deduct Remittance on the 23d July 2788 - 1 - 6. & there is left Balance of Rs.

Rupees 164875 - 15 - 2 of which Rupees 713 - 4 - 3 has been Collected from the Talooks and Mauganums of this Zemindary, and included in the accounts of Your Gomastah, & Drafts from the Merchants, to the Amount of Rupees 89286 - 4 - 9 Making a total of 90,000 Rupees are remitted to You I shall remit about 14,875 - 15 - 2 Rupees as soon as the Ameens dispose of the Grain now remaining in the Mauganums It will be apparent to You that from the Revenue derived from my Zemindary in the present Year I have repai what I borrowed to pay the last Years Kists, the Charges of Sebbendy, Repairs, house hold Expenditure, and the unavoidable Marriage Ceremony that has taken place, and that no unnecessary Expence has been made - As You have been pleased to grant me time thus long, I have with great difficulty borrowed the above large Amount from the Merchants. I therefore beg that Exclusive of the 40,000 Rupees, ordered to lay out by the Board ——— I be permitted to pay the remaining 20000 Rupees of the Balance with the Current Kists -

(Signed) Rajah Moodoowezea Ragoonaudo
Boodagooroo Sawmy Perea Udya Tever

Shevagungah
13th August 1836

(True translation)
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to enclose Copies of an address and order to one of the Ameens of Shevagunga

Madura
17th August 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To the Assistant Surgeon
of
Madura

To the President & Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Balances outstanding in this District at the Commencement of Fusly 1240, according to the form forwarded with the Extract from Your Proceedings dated 18th Ultimo (received 16th) accompanied by Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 28th June, and Extract from a General letter from the honorable Court of Directors of the 28th October 1835, and also another Statement shewing detail together with necessary remarks to each.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Collector

Madura

18th August 1836

To the President & Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.

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Salt Confiscated

Goods ditto

Return of Persons charged with offences under Regn. IX of 1822.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Collector

Madura

18th August 1836

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for Your information copy of an address dated 8th Instant, from the Tahsildar of Tyempully, from which You will perceive that the inhabitants of Keeranoor decline to allow the Surplus water being taken by the Cangoor people.

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(Signed) J. Blackburne

Pl. Collr.

Madura

18th August 1836

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Authenticated Copies of the documents required by the Plaintiff in No. 244 of 1836, of the file of the Treparancomdom Moonsiff on the 3 Stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of Yesterday's date-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collector

Madura
19th August 1836

To the Superintendent of
Government Lottery

Sir,

Many applications having already been made to me for Tickets in the Ensuing Lottery, I request You will at once supply me with 80 Tickets for Sale, and which would save a Second application being made-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Collr.

Madura
19th August 1836

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Since forwarding the Statement of biddings for the Sayer and Abkary farms, for Fusly 1246, on the 20th June last, 2 of the renters of Tobacco, One in Ramnad, and the other in Dindigul, having failed to make the usual deposit, I found it necessary to resell the farms, and the decrease, in Consequence,

is

is shewn in the accompanying Statement - Viz. Rupees 665 - " 167 329

Madura
20th Augt. 1836 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen 98

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 26th Ultimo, of the Extract from your proceedings under date the 23d. May, accompanied by a lithographed report of Captain A. Cotton on rail roads and Canals; and of a second lithographed letter of Captain Cotton of the 4th (received on the 26th.) Ultimo, being in supplement to his report.

2. I beg leave to subscribe my conviction of the extraordinary benefit that would accrue to the Commerce, police, good internal Government and Convenience of all Classes of the Community by carrying into execution the laying down of rail roads: and with reference to the extensive views taken by Captain Cotton, I cannot point out any lines so desirable as those selected by him:- as an isolated rail road one from Madura to Tondi on the Ramnad Coast would I think be of the greatest local advantages to Madura. This is the road which the Civil Engineer has lately been directed by Your Board to survey.

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3. As far as my knowledge of the Carnatic Coast allows me to judge I should think there would be as little difficulty in laying down the rail road through the Madura District as anywhere else. I do not believe it has one natural obstruction of any magnitude with exception of the Vighey river. But for a few miles in the Teroomungalom Talook South west of this Town, the road runs thro' Cotton Soil -

4. When I many Months ago contemplated the possibility of obtaining

Your

your Sanction to throwing a Bridge over the Vighey, on which I address-ed You officially on the 10th Instant — I fully purposed facilitating the transport of Stone to the Site of the bridge by means of a rail road, and a Commenced Specimen of One, in Stone, preparing by one of the American Missionaries, has raised Considerable interest amongst the people —

5 I regret I cannot place much Confidence in my information that the Tonnage from the Tinnevelly Side towards Trichinopoly and Madras is about 176 Tons per mensem — From Dindigul to Madura, and thence towards Trichinopoly 12 Ton more — and from Madura fort itself, towards Trichinopoly 12 — making a Total of 200 Tons towards Trichinopoly —

From Trichinopoly thro' Madura, towards Tinnevelly, 30 Tons; and from Dindigul Similarly, thro' Madura to Tinnevelly, 82 Tons, total 112 Tons

From Ramnad thro' Madura to Dindigul, Caroor &ca Salt, Salt fish and Chay root is transported to the Amount of about 46 Tons.

The transport of ...reka nut from ...e Coast does not ...o beyond Madura —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
20th August 1836

To the Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the draft in duplicate for Company's Rupees 1 — being the amount of a Bill, for the Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul, forwarded with Your letter of the 18th Instant —

Madura
20th August 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly,

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 9th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that from some Post Office Statements found in the records of this Office it appears Veerapudra pillay was Post Office Writer of Ramnad in 1806, and his situation was afterwards given to his Cousin Bramanayagam pillay, but I regret that I can find no documents to shew when he was appointed or how long he continued in the service. The Post Office Department in 1801 appears to have been under the Military Authority and consequently no records are forthcoming. I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Ramnad Post Office Writer and if it will be of use to You to have the Affidavit of the runner therein alluded to, I shall have much pleasure in obtaining it for You.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collector

Madura
20th August 1836

To the Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill of Charges amounting to Rupees One and Annas eight for Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul, on the 15th August 1836, and request You will be good enough to remit the amount.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collr

Madura
20th August 1836

The Honorable Company — Dr

To hire for two Bullocks and Drivers to convey Rupees 1376 – 5 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No 311 dated 10th Augt 1836 1–8

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collr

Madura
20th August 1836

To the Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Received the amount Viz Rupees one and Annas eight

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collr

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and its enclosure from Mr. Lockhart, Sub Collector, applying for leave of absence to visit Cuddalore and the eastern Coast, for the benefit of his health, till the 1st January 1837, and beg Your Board will obtain it for him.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
21st August 1836

To the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request that You will favor me with a Bill in favor of Sorrigore Kutley in the Meenatchee Pagodah for such amount of the revenue of the Chockanaudaporram Village in Your District, for fusly 1245, as may be in Your Treasury.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Zemindar of Shevagunga, dated the 18th. Instant, and will feel obliged by Your remitting to me the Amount Viz. Rupees 20-15-6, being rent due for fusly 1245, for the half Dhurmasenum Village enjoyed by the late Doolah Saib, and now assumed by the Court

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836

To the Accountant
in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Your letter bearing date 8th. April last

I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as described in the accompanying list.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir
I have the honor to inform You, that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836

To the Superintendent of Stationary
Madras.

Sir
With reference to the Notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 17th instant (page 538) I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that Imperial paper is used only to exhibit the Annual Prospective, and regular Estimates, and Comparative Statements, according to an established size furnished by the Accountant General, and if that Officer thinks proper to allow the Substitution of Royal, it can be dispensed with; if not One quire will be sufficient for One Year.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
22d. August 1836

This is to Certify that Shaik Hussein Havildar of the 5th Regiment N. I., delivered Yesterday, into my Treasury 15 Gunny Bags, said to Contain Company's Rupees (15,000) One Lac & fifty thousand, remitted by the Prin. Collr. of Salem, and is this day at liberty to return to his Station.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform You that a remittance of One Lac & fifty thousand Rupees was received Yesterday from the Principal Collector of Salem.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836 }

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to send in charge of the bearer Rs. 1070-8-1 being the amount refunded by Mr. E. Bannerman, as requested in Your letter of the 17th Instant, the receipt of which You will be pleased to acknowledge.

Signed J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836 }

To the Principal Collector
of Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 5th Instant, accompanied by a remittance of treasure, amounting to Company's Rupees 1,50,000, which arrived Yesterday, and beg to transmit herewith my receipt for the same.

Signed J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
22d. August 1836 }

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Received from the Principal Collector of Salem the Sum of 15,000 Company's Rupees.

| Species | Coin | Number of Gunny Bags | Number of Coins | Rate of Conversion per 100 pieces of Coins C Rs. A. P. | Amount C Rs. A. P. | Total C Rs. A. P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Silver | Company's Rupees | 15 | 15,000 | 100 .. | 15000 .. | 15,000 .. |

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

Madura
22d August 1836

No. 100

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Statement, shewing the wastage in the Sale of Salt from April to July 1836, and request your Board will obtain Sanction for writing off from the Accounts 3 Garces 143 Mercaulds and 6 Measures, amounting to Rupees 352-11-6

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura
22d August 1836

No. 102

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I fear that compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th (received late on Saturday evening) would be

be doing that which the letter, You wish to see, prohibits me from doing. I have however the pleasure to send You the original and request it may be returned me when read.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. August 1836.

No. 403

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Your letter of the 19th Instant I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your letters of the 5th & 27th Ultimo, together with the Vouchers therein alluded to.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pl. Collr.

Madura
22d. Augt. 1836.

No. 404

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copies of Reports, made on the Tinnevelly Pollums, in further part of the documents required by Your letter of the 11th June last.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pl. Collr.

Madura
24th. August 1836.

No. 405

To the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return, duly countersigned, the Account Current of the Court Cash deposited in my Treasury forwarded with Your letter of the 19th Instant, received 22d.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pl. Collr.

Madura
24th. August 1836.

No. 416. 9 171

To the Post Master General

Madras

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 19th Instant, accompanied by 3 Statements, shewing delays in the travelling of the dawks within this district, I have the honor to state that from the 9th to the 14th Instant both inclusive, the delays between Thippelnaick Thimmum and Madura, the extent of the range in this district, as before explained, were on the 9th Instant, None; on the 10th, ½ an hour; on the 11th, ¾, on the 12th, 1½; on the 13th, ¾; on the 14th, ¾; as appears by the Statement of the Peon, stationed at Thippelnaicken thimmum; a considerable portion of the delay complained of is thus shewn to take place within the Tinnevelly District, but on the perfect correctness of the Statement, from the inability of the Peon to calculate accurately entire reliance cannot be placed. In the statements transmitted to me up to the 16th Instant, by the Post office Writer at Covilputty, the delays are attempted to be accounted for by heavy falls of rain & consequently bad state of the roads. The delay in the travelling of the dawks from Ramnad to Madura, was noticed to the P. O. Writer at Madura, on the 17th Instt, & he was desired to use his best endeavors to prevent the same in future; but it appears to me of little consequence, as the Ramnad Mail always arrives at an early hour of the Morning before the letters can be delivered and long before the Southern Mail for Madras arrives. There is not any object to be gained in urging the Ramnad runners to greater speed or even to keep up to the time usually required.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
24th August 1836

No. 407.

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a deposition given by the Curnums of Pundulgoody Village, in Pullymaddum. Stating that the Land Mentioned in the Motion No. 586, of 1836, presented by Rengasawmy reddy and Cooppah reddy, forwarded with Your letter of the 13th Ultimo, has been entered in their names.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
27th August 1836

No. 408.

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly.

Sir,

Accept my thanks for Copy of the Professional taxes furnished me with your letter of the 23d Instant and allow me to request you will be so good as to afford me the perusal of the detail of any of Your Cusbah Villages either in Marattah, Tamil or English as it may happen to be, and it shall be returned to you in a very short time.

(Signed) J. Blackburne.
Pr. Collector.

Madura
27th August 1836

Triplicate

This is to certify, that a Detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 Privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st August, 1836, in charge of Treasure; arrived there, on the 27th, & were at liberty to return the next day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura
27th August 1836

No. 409.

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To the Principal Collector
of Salem.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my duplicate receipt for the Amount of Company's Rupees (150,000) Remitted by You, on the 5th Instant (received 21st).

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
28th August 1836

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Madras Rupees (20 . 15 . 6) Twenty Rupees, Annas Fifteen & Pie Six, being Rent due to the Zemindar of Shevagungah for Fusly 1245, on account of Half the Dhurmasanum Village assumed by the Court

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 410

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an authenticated Copy of the Documents required in the Motion presented by the Plaintiff in O. S. No. 166, of 1836, which accompanied your letter of the 25th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 411.

To the Acting Judge
of Madura.

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant, requesting me to afford Authenticated Copies of official Correspondence to the Defendant in original Suit No. 170. of 1835,

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on the file of your Court, I beg to suggest your adherance to the mode prescribed for obtaining documentory evidences laid down in the extract of a letter from the Register of the Sudr Adalut, to the Chief secretary to Government, dated 10th June 1824, a Copy of which I presume is in your office and I am ready to send the correspond-ence now required in charge of a Gomastah when you are prepared to receive it. The Stampt papers are returned.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 412.

To the Collector
of
Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a Warrant issued for the apprehension of Ebramshah, a Merchant, residing in Coilpatam, & request you will be good enough to issue instructions to your Tahsildar to afford the Peon, entrusted with the Warrant, every assistance in executing it.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 413

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform You that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 414.

To Lieutenant S. Best
late Acting Civil Engineer
2d Division

Sir,

In answer to your letter, without date, received the Night before last, I have the honor to inform You that the Pay of the Writer and Maistry, for the Month of February 1836, was drawn by You and charged in the Accounts of this Office in April last. It is not in

in my power to inform you if any further Corrections are required to be made in the Abstracts &ca. of the Department, during the time you had charge of it, as all alterations are made upon instructions from the Accountant General.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
29th Augt 183[illegible]

No. 106

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. Agreeably to my promise of the 6th May, I have been busily employed in Considering the state of the 52 Villages, in which the necessity for the reductions, granted by Mr. Peter, has been Called into question; on a review of the Extent of Cultivation and waste before, and subsequent to, reduction of the tax; of the produce accounts, from Fusly 1232 to 1236, & from 1240 to 1244; of the price of grain during the same periods; of Mr. Hurdis Commutation price of Grain; and, of the revenue derived from each Village, whether in Nunjah, or Punjah.

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I was fortunate in finding in the records the produce accounts of the former period, above alluded to, for the Talooks of Maudacolum and Shoalavundan; In Melur and Teroomungalum the produce accounts of that period had never been prepared, a circumstance the less to be regretted as the reductions in these Talooks are inconsiderable, & for the latter period I have now prepared them from the estimated accounts of the Village Curnums.

2. For your information, I beg leave to forward the following statements.

A. Abstract Showing Mr. Hurdis original assessment, Mr. Peters reduced Assessment, and the rate now proposed for your Consideration.

B. Statement of the average rate of tax in each Village.

C. No. 1.2.3.4. Abstract of the villages of each of the 4 Talooks.

D. No. 1.2.3.4. Detail of the above, shewing the nature of the Soil, produce & Value

E. Statement of the Punjah reductions, with one Village of Nunjah and Punjah

Statements C&D will, I hope, be found to contain all the information you can require to form a judgement on the rates which I beg to offer for your Consideration, and which have been framed from Consideration of those Statements.

3 The records do not explain the detailed principles on which Mr. Hardis' original assessments, or Mr. Peters reductions, were formed; but the following example will suffice to shew You the effects.

| Soil | Survey | | Rate | | Mr. Peters reduction | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Government Share Cullums | | Commutation rate at 6 Fs. Cullam | | Government Share Cullums | | Commutation rate at 6 Fs. Cull. | |
| Padoogah | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Sort | 10 | .. | 6 | .. | 7 | .. | 4 | 2 |
| 2d. ditto | 7 | .. | 5 | 4 | 6 | .. | 3 | 6 |
| 3d. ditto | 8 | .. | 4 | 8 | 5 | .. | 3 | .. |
| Karoosel | | | | | | | | |
| 1st. Sort | 9 | .. | 5 | 4 | 6 | .. | 3 | 6 |
| 2d. ditto | 8 | .. | 4 | 8 | 5 | .. | 3 | .. |
| 3d. ditto | 7 | .. | 4 | 2 | 4 | .. | 2 | 4 |
| Manul | | | | | | | | |
| 1st. Sort | 7 | .. | 4 | 2 | 5 | .. | 3 | .. |
| 2d. ditto | 6 | .. | 3 | 6 | 4 | .. | 2 | 4 |
| 3d. ditto | 5 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 8 |
| Kullar | | | | | | | | |
| 1st. Sort | 5 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 4 | 2 | .. |
| 2d. ditto | 4 | .. | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 3d. ditto | 3 | .. | 1 | 8 | 2 | .. | 1 | 2 |

Tho' the variation of Mr. Peters reduction is above shewn, I can find no rule by which he has been guided, and am not aware of any reason why the rate of reduction in the same village should vary in the different classes; but taking the original rate as a just proportionate Standard I have proposed the Confinement of the reductions at one uniform rate for all the Classes of one Village; and beg to remark, for Your Convenience, that the Commutation rate of 6 Cully Fanams is equal to Rupee 1¼·4.

See Mr. Peters report on the Subject dated 22d. February 1828.

The general rule, I have laid down for myself in which to frame the now proposed rates, has been first to ascertain the

the average return for a period of Years, to add to Mr Hurdis' Commutation rate upon it, the actual selling price of the Corresponding periods, and divide the quotient equally — In the average selling price I have deducted 1 fm. Pr Cullum in the Villages immediately adjacent to the Fort (or great Market) of Madura, and 1¼ fm in those more removed, to Cover wastage Carriage &ca. For Instance, in the Cusbah of Maudacolum Mr Hurdis'

D No. 1 Col. 4 average rate per Cawney is C. Fs 43 4/16; Mr Peter's reduced rate is C. F. 27 9/16. or 36¾ per Cent —

If Mr Hurdis' Commutation rate of 6 fanams per Cullum, be applied to the average return of the Government share from 1232 to 1236, the decrease below

Col: 12 the original assessment will be a percentage of 32 8½/16. But if the actual price of the same period be applied to it the decrease will not exceed

Col: 16. in percentage .......................... 15 10/16.

The Commutation price, applied to the average produce return

Col: 21 from 1240 to 44, Shews a percentage of decrease of ........ 36 12½/16

The actual price of the same period would shew the percentage

Col: 25 Decrease to be .......................... 13 12½/16.

Commutation price applied to average produce of the ten Years

Col: 31 Shews a percent Decrease .................. 34 14¾/16

Col: 36. Actual price of the ten years similarly applied ...... 14 11½/16.

It must be borne in mind that the produce returns cannot be fully relied on, as they have been taken from the Curnums accounts on estimate, and were not prepared under the care of the Government Talook servants — The application of the Commutation rate to the produce returns, seemed to me, as much too high as the application of the sale prices were too low. I have therefore added them together, and dividing them equally, have applied the quotient to the average produce return the

Col: 32. Average of Commutation price for ten Years. percent ... 34 14¾/16

Average Sale price ditto ........................ 14 11½/16

2 | 49 10¼/16

24 13/16

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From these premises I have proposed the reduction, in this Village, should be confined to a percentage of 25; which brings back to Government from Mr. Peter's reduction of 36 3/4 per cent, a percentage of 11 3/4.

The proposed percentage of reduction to be applicable only to those classes of Land where Mr. Peter's reduction exceeds that amount - where Mr. Peter's reductions do not equal that now proposed, no change will take place. This occurs only in four villages, and in the inferior Class of land.

4 Your Board will observe that keeping the preceeding rules, as general guides, I have, in some instances, deviated from them sometimes taking the average of the first five Years; sometimes, of the Second. & where these grounds were reasonably distrusted, I turned my attention to the rates in adjacent villages; With a view to simplify the Calculation to the tax payer, and thereby secure him from imposition, I have thought it advisable to propose the reductions at one quarter, one eighth, and three

25 pr. Cent sixteenths, which will account for slight variations between

12½ " the percentage Calculation on the Statements and the sums

18¼ " proposed by me - where, from particular circumstances in the state of the Ryots, & Villages, the percentage found under my rules, shewed a great difference I abandoned that method, & offer a discretionary proposition for the reasons entered in the remarks to Statement D, by deducting the increase of the selling price from the decrease of the Commutation price, applied to the decennial produce of the Government share, & taking the remainder as the proposed basis of percentage

5. In 18, of the 52, Villages I must recommend Mr. Peter's reductions should be confirmed; In 31 villages, I have come to the Conclusion Mr. Hurdis' assessment is too high, but that Mr. Peter reduced it further than was requisite; and in three

villages

villages I think there can be no injustice in re-imposing Mr Hurdis' original tax. In 41 of the 52 Villages Mr Peter's reductions were Confined to the Nunjah lands; In 9 Villages they were on both Nunjah and Punjah; In one, on Punjah alone; & in one on Nunjah Mel Punjah (This was one of the above shewn villages). I have recommended the re-imposition of Mr Hurdis' original tax on all the Punjah land; which is con-

Statement E. fined to five villages in Maudacolum and Shoolamundan; and to five in Teroomungolam & Aneyoor, on the grounds that the tax is not heavy, and did not exceed that of similar lands in the adjacent villages. I am told Mr Peter deemed it necessary because of the Aroogum grass with whose roots it was greatly infested. The soil appears now to be freed from this serious incumbrance.

6. Statement A shews the original tax of Mr Hurdis on the Culti-

Col 3. vation of 1245, in these 52 Villages, at Rupees 111,659. Mr Peter's reduced

Col 4. tax at 83,629: or a decrease of 25 percent: and the now proposed tax

Col 7. at Rupees 94,664, or a decrease of only 15 per cent below the original assessment. Mr Peter's reduction on the wet land alone is 25 1/10 per cent below Mr Hurdis'; and that now proposed only 18 1/4. By the proposed modification of Mr Peter's reduction, the Government will

Col: 10. recover Rupees 11,035 on the whole of the Cultivated land under Consideration.

7 I have endeavored to propose as just rates as I could, tho' I am sensible they are open to Criticism. The lands yield less by one third than they did at the time of the assumption, and the revenue Could not have been paid but for the rise of price above the Commutation rates, and the reductions made by Mr Peter, in the poorer villages. No experience or discernment is sufficient to appraise land at a precisely just valuation. I confidently trust that, with accidental exceptions, the Ryots of this District

do not pay higher rents than a just and moderate Government are fairly entitled to demand: the profit left to the Cultivator is sufficient, with economy and foresight, to maintain himself and family, even in bad years. Money laid out in lands in this district gives a less return than if laid out in Commerce. The respectable inhabitants of the Fort, who possess land, obtain a Sawmybhagum or landlord's Share that gives them about 4 per cent for their Capital, which is less by two per cent that is allowed by the Masters as a just return for money so employed.

8 Statement C will shew that a great portion of the revenue sacrificed in the reductions, has been recovered in the increased Cultivation; & if the welfare of the Cultivator be considered, the sacrifice may well be looked upon as a gain; and had they not been made, impoverishment would have proceeded with rapid strides, and concomitant loss of revenue to Government.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 102

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

X Annajee row, Tahsildar of Thenkurray, begs Your Sanction to erect a Chettrom at Davadanaputty, on the high road from Madura & from Dindegul to Thenkurray, at a Cost of 700 Rupees.

R Davadanaputty is a village resorted to by Merchants from Poombauray on the Palany Hill, & leads to the best pass on their southern ascent, and is also an usual halting place for travellers and traders for the Travancore frontier. The Country in the neighbourhood is ill-populated, and has few villages. I particularly

recommend

recommend the request to your favorable attention, and if agreed to, I shall, after its erection, submit a request in the usual form for a grant of land.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
30th August 1836

No. 103

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Coasting trade of Ramnad is very trifling. The Sea Custom Peshcars pay does not exceed 10½ Rupees a Month & only two of them have the slightest knowledge of English. It has been customary for those who cannot read English to forward the English Certificates and Clearances to the nearest who can, for translate, and the Supercargo of the Vessel is necessarily detained one, two, three or four days: in the case of the people understanding English being sick, or absent, the Supercargo is exposed to the injustice and delay of having his documents transmitted to my office from 70 to 130 miles distant, and it may happen they have to follow me from place to place, at least as far again.

The remedy appears easily obtained by Your Board's directing the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras, and Masters attendant generally to add to their English papers a translate in Tamul, sufficient for the information of the native officer, who is not conversant with English.

If His Majesty's Government at Ceylon would also be kind enough to issue similar instructions to their Sea Custom officers, their Exporters might be relieved from what may, sometimes, prove a serious hardship.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
30th August 1836

No. 415

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

The Stampt paper furnished with your letter of the 25th Instt, for a Copy of the document described in the address of the Pundit Suder Ameen of Your Court, not being sufficient, I request you will be good enough to send me one more -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th August 1836

No. 416.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 24th instant, I have the honor to state that the receipt granted to the Post Master General On the 31st May last, includes, in addition to the Surplus receipt for that Month Vizt ........ Rupees 33-15-..

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount of Surplus between the period of Employment and dismissal from the pay of the Tappal runners for October 1829 and for June and July 1833 | 29-6-5 | |
| Do ... Do for November 1832 | ..-12-10 | |
| Do remitted by Madura Post Office Writer in addition to the Collections for November 1833 | ..-15 | |
| | 31-2-3 | |
| Deduct Charges incurred for Enclosing a room in a Choultry with mud Walls in December 1834 | 15-.. | 16-2-3 |
| Balance | | 50-1-3 |

The Amount difference of Rupees 16-2-3 being added to Rupees 33-15-.. the Surplus Collections of May, and adjusted in the Account Current with the Post Master General for that Month, with refer=ence to the Memo: Annexed with Your letter of the 23d. April last, induced me to pass a receipt for the full Amount of

Rs.

Rupees - 50 - 1 - 3 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prl. Collector

Madura
30th August 1836

No. 417

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Charges incurred for Rupees 463-10-10, in remitting 4,00,000 Company's Rupees to the General Treasury, at the Presidency, on the 3rd May 1836, & request that the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same -

The Certificate taken from the Officer escorting the Treasure is likewise enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
30th August 1836

To the Post Office Writers at Dindegul, Ramnad, Coilpatty & Madura.

On the 1st Instant a packet of over land letters was forwarded to Madras, from Bombay, bearing over land Postage, but these letters having been brought to Bombay by a private Ship, free of all expence to Government, the Post Master General directs, that the overland Postage, levied on these letters, shall be remitted - The letters, however, will be subject to the regulated Ship postage. If You have levied overland Postage on any of these letters, it is to be refunded: but you will be careful that from the persons, to whom such overland postage is refunded, a receipt, in the usual form, is obtained, & forwarded with Your account to this Office -

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
29th August 1836

No. 104

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return Petitions 53 of 1835, enclosed in your letter of the 18th Instant, as Numbepooram is a village in the Tinnevelly Collectorate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Collector

Madura
31st August 1836.

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1. Accompanying I have the honor to forward the usual Triplicate statements of the Extra Revenue, for Fusly 1245, of which the subjoined is an Abstract Comparative between it and the preceding Fusly.

| | Iyen Collection Fusly 1224 | | | Iyen collection Fusly 1245 | | | Increase | | | Decrease | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salt | 246204 | 4 | 8 | 235089 | 10 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 11114 | 10 | 3 |
| Sea Customs | 25135 | 15 | 7 | 23346 | 15 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 1788 | 15 | 10 |
| Tank fish | 10436 | 4 | 10 | 10659 | .. | 11 | 222 | 12 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| Stamp revenue | 15593 | 6 | 6 | 17978 | 6 | .. | 2385 | 1 | 6 | .. | .. | .. |
| Sayer | 298779 | 8 | .. | 320889 | .. | .. | 22109 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Abkary | 47291 | .. | .. | 45705 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1586 | .. | .. |
| Total | 643440 | 7 | 7 | 653668 | 3 | 1 | 24717 | 5 | 7 | 14489 | 10 | 1 |
| | | | | Deduct Decrease | | | 14489 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | | Net increase | | | 10227 | 11 | 7 | | | |

2. The steps taken to prevent fraud in the Salt Departments, as laid before your Board, in the 3d para of my report of the 8th September last, have been followed this Year; yet you will observe a decrease in the Collections, Carried to account, to the amount of Rupees 11114. of this Rupees 1238 were burglariously stolen from the Cumperdy's treasury, as reported on the 22d January last, and I attribute the Non Conviction

of

the offender to the death of the principal witness, between the period of the examination by the Magistrate, and the trial of the Case in the Criminal Court. The falling off in sales amount of 100 Garce I believe to be owing to Coravers, who are in the usual habit of taking Salt from hence, having this year gone to the most Southerly pan in Tanjore, and a correspondence with Mr Kindersley shews me that his Southerly pan has sold to the extent mentioned more than in last or since former years. As the General revenue has not suffered, your Board will have no cause for dissatisfaction unless you believe the Coravers have been driven from the Madura pans by neglect or oppression: it shall be my care to ascertain and remedy any such.

From Pl. Collr. of Tanjore.

In heaping the salt, now under growth, I mean to reduce the size of the heaps from 15 to 10 Garce as practised, I believe, in Tanjore and Tinnevelly. It will have the double advantage of being more easy of remeasurement where suspicion of fraud arises.

Notwithstanding the decrease of this below last year, there is still an increase of Rupees 4,104 over the last 5 year's average, as shewn in the Margin.

| Fusly | Rupees |
|---|---|
| 1240 | 214,093 |
| 41 | 253,026 |
| 42 | 226,033 |
| 43 | 215,567 |
| 44 | 246,204 |
| | 1154,924 |
| Average | 230,984 |
| 1245 | 235,089 |
| Increase | 4,104 |

3. Of the decreased Collections in the Sea Customs, Rupees 883 is from a falling off in the export of Chanks to Bengal. The rest of the decrease follows the remission of Duty on Cotton exported to Madras & its dependencies, under your orders of the 4th April last. By the promulgation of this order this district lost in the 4th Quarter a revenue of 9900 Rupees.

| Fusly | Rupees |
|---|---|
| 1240 | 22156 |
| 41 | 10792 |
| 42 | 7686 |
| 43 | 8658 |
| 44 | 25135 |
| | 80430 |
| Average | 16086 |
| 1245 | 23346 |
| Increase above average | 7260 |

I beg to refer You to the Marginal 5 Years Collection and average.

4. I have no pleasure in shewing the increase in the tank fish revenue. Last year it was remitted in consequence of draught to great extent in the Melur Talook and I thought it my duty to re-impose it this, when the ostensible cause for its remission no longer existed.

Melur abounds in small shallow tanks producing but a small quantity of fish. a tax on account of it was originally fixed on each village; and by the Villagers distributed amongst themselves, on a great varity of principles - the prevailing one however has imposed its payment on the married men, and the amount was occasionally reduced, remitted or reimposed at the discretion of the Collector, with reference to the means of the payers and other local circumstances. In 1234 it was suddenly increased (See Margin) beyond all previous experience, and from that period has been a source of never failing complaint and dissatisfaction. For an example of its hardship I will instance the Cusbah village of Melur, which was in the habit of paying an invarying tax of Rupees 8 till Fusly 1234 - when it was at once increased to 42 Rupees. From my enquiries amongst the Ryots, and the Talook servants, I believe the produce by no means compensates the people for the tax, and that they are compelled to pay it from other sources; which at once seems, to me, to stamp it with the character of an extra and illegal cess. I am inclined to think if the demand were limited to Rupees 2000 (some what above the average from 1224 to 1233 both included) it would be paid without difficulty or objection; tho it might be an improvement if I were empowered to assess the amount on a more equitable and fixed rule of apportioning it equally on the Nunjah Cultivation, and entering the amount on each Ryots Pottah

| Fusly | Rupees |
|---|---|
| 30 | 1833 |
| 31 | 1634 |
| 32 | 1675 |
| 33 | 1597 |
| 34 | 2733 |
| 35 | 2644 |
| 36 | 2594 |
| 37 | 2098 |
| 38 | 2950 |
| 39 | 2768 |
| 40 | 2815 |
| 41 | 2765 |
| 42 | 2790 |
| 43 | 2778 |
| 44 | 2282 |
| 45 | 2537 |

5. The increase in the Stamp revenue I deem attributable to the increased Rents and Commerce, and to continued vigilance in checking frauds of the renters - The increase in sale of law stamps is only 205 Rupees.

6 The increase in the Sayer was caused by the promise of a good year, as explained, in detail in my letter submitting

the

the proposals for the rents on the 6th June 1835 para 3

7 The Small decrease in the Abkary is owing to its reduction from a factitious to its just value in Ramnad.

8 The Subjoined Statement shews the balance uncollected at the close of the fusly.

| Items | Demand | | | Collection | | | Balance | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salt | 235089 | 10 | 5 | 235089 | 10 | 5 | .. | .. | .. |
| Sea Custom | 23346 | 15 | 9 | 23346 | 15 | 9 | .. | .. | .. |
| Tank fish | 10059 | .. | 11 | 9010 | 13 | 11 | 1048 | 3 | .. |
| Stamp revenue | 17978 | 8 | .. | 17978 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Sayer | 320889 | .. | .. | 320865 | .. | .. | 24 | .. | .. |
| Abkary | 46705 | .. | .. | 45191 | 6 | 6 | 513 | 9 | 6 |
| Total | 653668 | 3 | 1 | 652082 | 6 | 7 | 1585 | 12 | 6 |

The rented fish tax balance is now reduced to Rupees 324, and will be entirely Collected by the end of the Month, & the delay has been occasioned by the resent period at which the rents were conclud-ed in consequence of water remaining till an advanced period in the large tanks.

The Small balance of 24 Rupees in the Sayer and that of the Abkary, has since been collected, so that I trust you will consider my anticipations, as shewn in my letter of the 9th June, have not deceived me.

9 I beg leave to forward a statement of the Sayer and Abkary balances prior to fusly 1245 & such remarks as seem necessary for Your full comprehension of their State.

10. It may not be out of place here to remark that the amount of Government Bills paid from this treasury during fusly 1245, was not less than Rupees 1213026, exceeding those paid in the preceding fusly, by Rupees 359599.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prl. Collr.

Madura 1836
1st September

No. 418

To Lieutenant S. Best

late Acting Civil Engineer 2d Division

Pondicherry

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 27th Instant, and its inclosure, I regret that I am unable to prepare the receipt in my office, in Consequence of not knowing what portion of the Amount of Rupees 336-2-" is for your personal Allowances, and how much for your Establishment. I have the honor to enclose a Duplicate of a letter I addressed you, yesterday which was dispatched to Madras.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Pl. Collector

Madura
31st. August 1836

No. 419.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Madras.

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 20th. Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of 70 Tickets of the 1st. Class sold in the 59th. Government Lottery, amounting to Company's Rupees 2,100, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith inclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne.

Pl. Collector.

Madura
1st. September

Register of the 59th. Government Lottery Tickets sold in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul.

| | Number | Value | Number | Value | Number | Value | Number | Value | Number | Value | Number | Value | Number | Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tickets Sold | 156 | 30 | 166 | 30 | 556 | 30 | 566 | 30 | 1066 | 30 | 1546 | 30 | 1556 | 30 |
| | 157 | 30 | 167 | 30 | 557 | 30 | 567 | 30 | 1067 | 30 | 1547 | 30 | 1557 | 30 |
| | 158 | 30 | 168 | 30 | 558 | 30 | 568 | 30 | 1068 | 30 | 1548 | 30 | 1558 | 30 |
| | 159 | 30 | 169 | 30 | 559 | 30 | 569 | 30 | 1069 | 30 | 1549 | 30 | 1559 | 30 |
| | 160 | 30 | 170 | 30 | 560 | 30 | 570 | 30 | 1070 | 30 | 1550 | 30 | 1560 | 30 |
| | 161 | 30 | 171 | 30 | 561 | 30 | 1061 | 30 | 1071 | 30 | 1551 | 30 | 1561 | 30 |
| | 162 | 30 | 172 | 30 | 562 | 30 | 1062 | 30 | 1072 | 30 | 1552 | 30 | 1562 | 30 |
| | 163 | 30 | 173 | 30 | 563 | 30 | 1063 | 30 | 1073 | 30 | 1553 | 30 | 1563 | 30 |
| | 164 | 30 | 174 | 30 | 564 | 30 | 1064 | 30 | 1074 | 30 | 1554 | 30 | 1564 | 30 |
| | 165 | 30 | 175 | 30 | 565 | 30 | 1065 | 30 | 1075 | 30 | 1555 | 30 | 1565 | 30 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Company's Rupees | | 2100 |

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No 17 Exchange for Company's Rupees

To the Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir

Having received from Mr J Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand and One hundred, being the amount sales of 70 Tickets in the 59th Government Lottery, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Superintendent, and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
1st September 1830

No 106

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th Ultimo returning me the two Statements of the 11th June, explanatory of the state of the Hindoo and Mohomedan religious Institutions in this District; and to lessen the probability of their being again returned me I would request your Instructions on the following points.

1st Is the revenue of the villages, allotted by the ancient Government, for the support of the Devastan Servants of the Meenachee Pagoda, with which the Government has no manner of interference, to be included in the Column with the amount of ready money allowances, periodically paid from the treasury, for support of the Ceremonies of the same Pagoda; and which are given in lieu of the much more valuable land assumed by Government?

2nd Are the endowments in land, known by the name of Kuttlays, for the performance of Ceremonies in honor and memory of

of the Donors, to be entered in that Column - the Revenues from those lands being gathered by the Collector, but over which he has never exercised further Control: the Ceremonies being suspended or Circumscribed when the revenue of the year falls short, and the surplus, when it is found, being expended at the pleasure of the Donors heir in increased Ceremonies -?

3d In like Manner are the revenues, allotted to the Support of Devastans in Assumed Zemindaries, to be included; the revenue being of Course secured by the Collector, but the proceeds directly appropriated to the purpose for which they were originally given, the Government neither making good deficiencies, nor taking advantage of Surplus?

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
1st September 1836

To the Post Office Writers of
Madura
Dindigul
Ramnad
Kottampatty and
Covilpatty

As directed by the Post Master General's letter, of the 29th Ultimo, you will henceforth levy in addition to the regulated Inland Postage to Bombay, the overland postage of 8 Annas, on all News papers and Periodicals received, and dispatched, by the overland Mails, not exceeding 4 Rupees Weight, 1 Rupee; on those exceeding 4 Rupees, and under 8 Rupees Weight, 1 Rupee and 8 Annas, on those exceeding 8 Rupees & under 12 Rupees weight, and so on in like proportion.

No postage to be charged on Soldiers & Seamen's letters

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst Collector

Madura
1st September 1836

No. 107

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 25 Copies of Regu[lations] forwarded with your letter of the 29th Ultimo.

Madura
2d September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prl Collector

No. 108.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Circular of the 26th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform You that not a single ferry boat is in use in this District, and from the nature of the Rivers I am inclined to think they would every where prove useless.

Madura
2d September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prl Collector

No. 420.

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of the documents, on Common paper, required by the Memo: in O. S. No. 108. of 1834, pending before the Register, forwarded with Your letter of the 29th Ultimo.

Madura
2d September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prl Collector

Memorandum,

The Principal Collector requests his Acting Head Assistant will Submit at his earliest Convenience a Memo of the particulars of

of Extra Tent Allowance, drawn by him from 1st to 31st August 1835; being Rupees 81-6-" for transmission to the Board, for Sanction.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
2d September 1836

No 18. Exchange for Company's Rupees 2000-"-"

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs Binny & Co, but not to their orders, as per advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
2d September 1836

No 109

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request that the accompanying Proclamation may be published in the Office of the Board of Revenue

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
3d September 1836

Proclamation

Notice is hereby given that unless the Arrears Outstanding against the undermentioned Sank fish renter of fusly 1245, be discharged on, or before, the 30th September 1836, the House &ca particularized

particularized below, will be sold by Public Auction, at the Cutcherries of the Maudacolum Talook, in the Madura District -

| Fusly | Name | Balance |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. A. P. |
| 1245 | Nunnymeah Sankfeish renter of Sholavundan in Maudacolum Talook | 286 - - |

House &ca to be Sold on account of the above Balance -

| D | Description of the Property | To whom belonging |
|---|---|---|
| In the Fort of Madura | Piece of Ground, East to West 30 feet, & from North to South 90 feet, in which is built a Thatched house Bullocks Stable, frame & doors | Nunnymeah Renter |
| Ditto | Piece of Ground, East to West 45 feet & from North to South 90 feet; on which is built a Tiled house in Square and Verandahs &ca | Causameah Security |

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector.

To the Superintending Engineer
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter to, and one from the Board of Revenue, and with reference to their instructions beg leave to inform you the Fort of Madura is surrounded by a rampart of Stone and Earth about four Miles in Circumference, that the number of Convicts available for such works now in Jail is 253, and there average of three Years, 317 -

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(Signed) J Blackburne
Prl. Collector

Madura
3 September 1836

No. 422.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you 2 Bills, at sight, in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, for Company's Rupees 136-8-.., and Mr Martin, Assistant Revenue Surveyor, for Company's Rupees 142-5-4, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for August 1836, which Sum will be Credited to You under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors"

Madura
3d September 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne,
Pr Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees Rupees 136-8-

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight, please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order the Sum of C. Rupees One hundred & Thirty Six and Annas Eight, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for August 1836, which Sum will be Credited to You under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors"

Madura
3d September 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees 142-5-4

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight, please to pay to Mr Martin, Assistant Revenue Surveyor, or his Order, the Sum of Company's Rupees ~~Four~~ One hundred & Forty two - Annas Five - & Pice Four, being the amount -

amount of his pay and Allowances, for August 1836; which sum will be credited to you under Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
3d September 1836

No. 21

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me, in last Month, None remaining to be disposed of.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th September 1836

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, a draft in Duplicate, for Company's Rupees 1-8-", Dated 3d September 1836, being the Amount of a Bill for the Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th September 1836

No. 423

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the reaudit from my accounts, by the Civil Auditor, for Fusly 1244, and request you will furnish me the information therein required.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
Cottamputty
6th September 1836

Extract from the Reaudit from the Accounts of Mr. J. Blackburne Princl. Collector of Madura and Dindigul, from 13th July 1834 to 11th July 1835, on account of Expences for fusly 1244 dated 29th August 1836.

| No. | Charges objected to | | | | Remarks of the Civil Auditor |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Buildings Judicial | 30 | .. | .. | No. 12 to 14 will stand retrenched [illegible] the sanction of Govt. is received. |
| 13 | Repairs of Judicial Buildings | 35 | 7 | 8 | |
| 14. | Amount charged on account of Judicial Buildings in fusly 1245 — 196-11-10<br>Deduct amount admitted as per reply to the Reaudit for fusly 1243. — 193-18-4<br>Difference | 2 | 14 | 6 | |

(True Extract) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 424

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the 2 Suits, in original Suit No. 163 of 1834, pending before the Register, and forwarded with your letter of the 2d instant, I have the honor to forward a Tamil Memo: explaining the Cause of the documents required not being forth-coming in this office.

The 2 Stampt papers are herewith returned.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
Cottamputty
1st September 1836

No. 425

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

In the absence, and at the desire of the Principal Collector

I have the honor to return the original Motion No. 900. of 1836, as requested in your letter of this date, and as a Copy obtained here will not have the advantage of being attested by your Signature I will feel obliged by your sending an attested Copy of it.

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collector

Madura
5th September 1836

No. 426.

To
The Principal Collector
of
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esquire, Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge of Coimbatore, for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary for August 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving You to draw, and Credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in Your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

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| Salary for August 1836 | 1400 " " |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6 per Cent | 84 " " |
| Company's Rupees | 1316 " " |

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
5th September 1836

No. 427

To the Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

In the absence, and at the desire, of the Principal Collr. I have the honor to furnish an Authenticated Copy of the Documents required in Your letter of the 3d. Instant, on one of the 3 Stampt papers furnished by You. The other 2 Stampt Papers are herewith returned.

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collector

Madura
7th September 1836

No. 128.

To the Judge in the Zillah
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 24th. Ultimo, and beg leave to forward the Answers given by Annajee Row, Tahsildar of Shenkurray to the querries sent from your Court.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Tovereneaurchee
7th. September 1836

No. 429.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose an order, I request you will be pleased to cause to be delivered to one of my Peons, now at Coilpattam, with a Warrants, to apprehend a person for defrauding the Customs at Pamban.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Tovereneaurchee
7th. September 1836

No. 110.

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to report the death of the Gantam-naikenoor Zemindar, named Teroomalay Gondam Vallapah Naig on the 6th. Ultimo: his only widow is 4 Months pregnant; he has one daughter by the former wife deceased; her name is Chinnamah, aged 9 Years; and he has left also a nephew, named Ramakistna Naig, 7 Years.

years old, the son of a Brother, deceased, and presumptive heir. The Zemindary was assumed for arrears of Peshcush in July 1822 and is still under my management. If the pregnant widow be delivered of a Son he will be legal heir - I shall have the honor to particularly report on this subject hereafter.

Tovernacourchee
7th September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 430.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

Madura
Coilpatty
8th September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 431.

To the Military Paymaster
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, with the statement therein inclosed, of Lieutt. J. C. Cotton's Civil Salary & Regimental Allowance

Madura
Coilpatty
8th Septr. 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. Exchange for Company's Rupees 400 - -

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas William Goodwyn Esqr. Acting

Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred, to be paid at Madras I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
8th September 1836

Received from the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (2609.13.6) Two thousand Six hundred & nine, Annas Thirteen and Pice Six, being the Amount of fees, fines & Penalties levied, and proceeds of sales of paper &ca. for Augt. 1836.

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collr.

Madura
8th September 1836

No. 111.

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 11th July last, and beg leave to state that Vencata Row, one of the Sons of late Beem Row, former Sheristadar of the Northern Division of Arcot, expresses his wishes to draw his share of Pension from the Tanjore Treasury.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
Coilputty
9th September 1836

No. 432

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To the Collector of Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre. Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary and House Rent for August 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his Accounts to the Civil Fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors."

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| Salary for August 1836 | 525 " " |
| Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ per Cent | 32-13 " |
| | 492-3 " |
| House Rent for do. | 35 " " |
| Company's Rupees | 527-3 " |

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
Coilpatty
10th September 1836

No. 433

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of D. R. Limond Esqre. Assistant Collector of your District, for the Amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary &ca. from 1st to 8th August 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his accounts to the Civil Fund; & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

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| Salary from 1st to 8th August 1836 | 90-5-2 |
| Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ per Cent | 5-10-4 |
| | 84-10-10 |
| Fixed Tent Allowance from do. to do. | 10-13-5 |
| House Rent from do. to do. | 9 " 6 |
| Total Company's Rs. | 104-8-9 |

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
Coilpatty
10th September 1836

Memorandum -

In reply to his Acting Head Assistants letter of the 5th Instant, the Principal Collector regrets he is not at liberty to pay him tent allowance for the period subsequent to his leaving the Ramnad Zemindary, as he was not called to Madura on duty, but allowed to come there for his own pleasure. -

Madura
Toverancurchy
11th Septr. 1836 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 434

To
The Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th Instant, requiring copies of documents, on behalf of Plff. in O. S. No. 164 of 1835, having been opened thro' some misapprehension by my Asst., did not reach me till this morning. I have the honor to inform you your application should have been made to the Collector of Tinnevelly. The Stamped papers are returned. -

Madura
Kottampatty
13th Septr. 1836 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 436

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th Instt. I have the honor to inform you that the Bills of the

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the 1st and 2d September, numbered 17 & 18, should be 15 & 16 and the Bill, dated 8th Numbered, 19, be 17. It is an oversight, and as I have made the necessary alterations in my Office Copies, I request that similar alterations may also be made in yours.—

Madura Melur 15 Septr. 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 439

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.—

Madura Melur 15 Septr. 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Divn. Trichinopoly, a draft in Duplicate for Rs. 33.10.. dated 10 September 1836, being pay in arrears for Augt. 1836, for native Pensioners attached to Public Bungalows.—

Madura Melur 15 Septr. 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 438

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an authenticated copy of the document required in O.S. No. 123 of 1834 pending before the Register, on the stampt paper furnished with

with your letter of the 2d instant.-

Madura Melur 15 Septr 1836. } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collector

No 435

To The Officer Commanding Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have a sufficient guard at the Madura treasury on Saturday the 17, to escort 50,000 Rupees to the Collector of Tinnevelly

Madura Melur 15 Septr 1836. } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collector

No 437

To The Collector of Tinnevelly Tencasky.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you 50000 Rupees will be dispatched to you on Saturday, the 17 Instant, in obedience to instructions from the Accountant General of the 10 Instant.-

Madura Melur 15 Septr 1836. } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collr

No 448

To The Accountant General Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the abstracts of Lieut. Shaw, from No 61 to 65, Countersigned by

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by the Senior Engineer together with a Certificate shew-
-ing the date on which Lieut. Shaw assumed charge
of his appointment, as directed in the Memo: annexed
with your letter of the 7 instant.-

Madura
17 September 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

No. 447

To
The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Authenti-
-cated copy of the document, required in the Arzee of the
O.S. No. 69 of 1835 Pundit Sudr Ameen, on the 2 Stampt papers, forward-
-ed with your letters of the 25 Ultimo and 13 Instt.

Madura
17 Septr. 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collr.

No. 446

To
The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenti-
-cated copies of the document, required in O.S. No. 188 of
1835, pending before the Pundit Sudr Ameen on
the 2 Stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of
the 25 Ultimo.-

Madura
17 September 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 445

To

The Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have this day despatch-ed to you ~~~ in charge of a Guard the sum of Companys Rupees (50,000) Fifty thousand as per duplicate Invoice enclosed.—

Madura
17 Septr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

P.S.

The Duplicate receipt granted by Boda Saib, Havildar, for the above, is also enclosed.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 444

To

The Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard, under the escort of Bada Saib, Havildar of the 33 Regt. N. I. the sum of Companys Rupees (50,000) Fifty thousand, as per Invoices enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.—

Madura
17 Septr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

P.S.

The original receipt granted by Bada Saib, Havildar, for the above, is also enclosed—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 443. 189 373

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 10th Instant, I have this day dispatched to the Collector of Tinnevelly under charge of a Guard, commanded by Baday Saib, Havildar of the 33d Regt. N. I., the sum of Company's Rupees (50,000) Fifty thousand, as per Triplicate Invoice inclosed.-

Madura
17 Septr. 1836

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 441

To

The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

The five stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 9th instant, for copies of documents required in appeal suit No. 96 of 1835, pending before the Pundit Sudr Ameen, not being sufficient, I have the honor to request you will send me 3 more.-

Madura
17 Augt. 1836

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

(Duplicate)

Madura 17 Septr. 1836

Received from the Princl. Collr. of Madura, in good order and well conditioned, 3 Boxes, said to contain Treasure to the amount of Company's Rupees Fifty thousand, to be delivered to the Collector of Tinnevelly.-

(Signed) Baday Saib Havildar
33d Regt. N.I.

Madura 17 Septr. 1836.

I do hereby certify that I received under my charge, from the Principal Collector of Madura, Three boxes, or 3 Bandies, said to contain Treasure to the amount of Company's Rupees Fifty thousand, to be delivered to the Collector of Tinnevelly, together with the sum of C. Rs. (3) three for lamp Oil on the road.—

No. 113

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a statement of Goods confiscated in this district in last Month, for your final orders.—

Madura 17 Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 112

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In answer to your letter of the 8th Instt. (recd. 13) I have the honor to state that the Original incumbent in No. 67 was Ryman Shaw, and the Yomeah was received in the Name of his son, Ramjan Shaw, by the late Mr. Peter, on the 29th August 1815, under sanction of your Board, of the 4th September following, in whose name it was continued in the list up to his death in June last. I beg to return the list.—

Madura 17 Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 440. 190 375

To,
The Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 3rd instant, advising you of my having drawn upon you, 2 Bills at sight in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Actg. Civil Engineer, 4 Division, for C. Rs. 136. 8:, and Mr. Martin, Asst. Revenue Surveyor, for C. Rups. 142. 5. 4 I have the honor to inform you, that I have cancelled the last mentioned Bill in favor of Mr. Martin, & granted it in favor of Captain Faber, which sum will be credited to you, under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".-

Madura
17 Septr. 1836-

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 449

To
The Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly-

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill of charges amounting to Rupees two, for conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul, on the 17 September 1836, and request you will be good enough to remit the amount.-

Madura
19 Septr. 1836-

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

The

The Honorable Company Dr.

To hire for two Bullocks and drivers to carry Rupees 9460 . 14 . 11 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 396 dated 12th September 1836 Rupees 2 . . .

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 19th Septr. 1836. } To the Paymaster Southn. Dn. Trichinopoly

Received the amount pyt. Rupees two . .
(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 114

To The President and Members of the Bd. of Revo.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Mr. Lockharts illness preventing him from taking charge of the district, when I purposed leaving it, this month, on the leave granted me on the 2d. Ultimo, I have the honor to request it may be cancelled, and that you will be so good as to procure me, instead of it, permission to be absent from it, for twenty days, from the 15 of next month making over charge to the Acting Sub Collector . .

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 20th Septr. 1836. }

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 15th received last night, I beg leave to inform you I have been prevented taking advantage of the leave granted

granted me on the 2^d Ultimo.-



Madura 20^th Sept^r 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l Coll^r

No. 451

To, The Secretary to the Custom and Post Office Committee Calcutta-

Sir,

1- It was the 17^th Inst^t before I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 24^th Ultimo; and have merely to inform you, in answer to your five first queries that it was not deemed advisable to carry the measures, therein alluded to, for opening the district revenue posts to the public, into effect in this collectorate.-

2.- It is my opinion that such a measure is far from being of sufficient importance in this district, at present, to warrant the recommendation of such an outlay as would be necessary to give it the Stability and security requisite to engage the public (if the few who would wish to take advantage of it may be so called) to avail themselves of it.-

3.- A very considerable expense would be requisite, but as I do not know on how many of the cross roads the Committee might even think of trying the measure, I refrain troubling them with names of places and roads, and the numbers of persons requisite to convey the bags, for peons could not be made available in all but should the committee wish for such detailed information, I shall lose no time in affording it to them either as seems applicable to this district, or by filling

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up any form they may be pleased to furnish me with. I further beg leave to inclose also for the Committee's information Copy of my letter to the Post Master General of Madras, on this subject, dated 13 March 1834.—

Madura 20 Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 452

To,
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a quarterly return of Remittances required to be made to the Presidency, by the Civil Servants of this station.—

Madura 20 Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 453

To,
The Accountant
in the Revenue Dept.
of the Acctt. Genl. Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 16 Instant, together with the Vouchers therein alluded to, and to State that the necessary adjustments will be made.—

Madura 20 Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To

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No 454 192

To

The Post Master General

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Charges required for repairing the Post Office at Coilpatty amounting to Rupees 10, and request you will be good enough to obtain the necessary Sanction of Government. It has had no repair during the last five years, and now exceedingly requires it.

Madura
20 Septr 1836

(Sigd) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No 455

Mr W Taylor

Madras.

Sir,

Your draft, and letter of advice, of the 12 have just been put into my hands. I regret, I could not honor the former, the money in question having been paid into the Co's treasury: and as the order of the Board of Revenue, alluded to by you, is prospective, it would not warrant my giving it a retrospective interpretation. If you will procure me an order from Government to pay back the money, to which I can see no objection, since they have determined on future indulgence, I hope you will believe me it will give pleasure to

Madura
20 September
1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

To

№ 45

To

The President & Members

of the Bd. of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Since I submitted my application for permission to sell the land of the defaulting Tank fish renter, Nunney Meah, he has paid Rupees 160, and I feel confident he will pay the remainder before the day of sale arrives: but if he does not, I must still recommend the sale be enforced, as I believe him well able to pay and only forcing me to resort to this disagreeable measure with a view to procrastination: under other circumstances I should be too happy to point out, if in my power, any extenuating circumstances which your Boards proceedings of the 8th Instant prove you would be prepared to listen to.

Madura }
21st Sept. 1836. }

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

№ 456

To

The Principal Collector

Coimbettore.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the 9 2/16 Md. of Opium Consigned to Cochin, via Madura, alluded to in your letter of the 9 July last, has not yet arrived here.

Madura }
21st September }
1836. }

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

To

No. 116. 193 381

To, The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. In obedience to para 6 of the Government Instructions of the 19th May 1835, I have the honor to inform you, I have found it necessary to suspend Vencata Verda Ayngar, Tahsildar of Thiroomungalum, for two months; and Annajie Row, Tahsildar of Melur, for one month, to take effect from the 1st proximo, their places being filled up by a general temporary rise of the lower officers in their places and on their pay.—

2. Vencata Verda Ayngar is a very old and active servant; he last year included in the "Ordinary Estimate" a channel, which, I think, he could not but have known ought to have been entered in an "occasional" one and I infer a fraudulent intention from some land of his own being benefitted thereby. The project has been perfectly successful in being of great use to his small portion of land, to all the Ryots of the village, and a source of considerable increase of revenue to Govermt. Before any decision was passed on this case, by reason of a prolonged enquiry, the Moozoomdar of the same talook was found to have followed the same plan of obtaining "occasional" ~~murummut~~ for his land under the "Ordinary" estimate submitted with the Tahsildar's signature, but who denies all knowledge or wilful cooperation. They are both guilty, therefore, of gross ignorance and neglect, to look at their fault in the mildest point of view, but it carries with it such an appearence of fraudulent intention that I cannot

cannot think my degradation of the Moozoomdar, and proposed suspension of the Tahsildar too high a punishment under such suspicious circumstances.—

3. Annajee Row has shewn inexcusable supineness in his superintendance of the revenue of 3 or 4 of the most turbulent and poor villages, situated at an extremity from his cusbah; and in affected misconception of a peremptory order, has credited to Tuccavee the money of various Ryots paid for Ayn, against whom was no Tuccavee balance, thereby making it appear as if the whole Tuccavee had been collected.—

Madura } (Sigd.) J. Blackburne
21st Septr. 1836 } Princl. Collr.

No. 457

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of actual charges incurred for preparing 20 permanent Boxes for remittances of Treasure to out-stations as per Estimate sanctioned by Government on the 16 July 1835, and request that the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same

Madura } (Sigd.) J. Blackburne
21st Septr. 1836 } Princl. Collr.

No. 117

To The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

With reference to the Extract from your proceedings of the 5 instant, forwarding Copy of a letter

letter from the Chief Secy. of the 27 August, regarding the Statements made on petition No. 1094 of 1830. I beg to state that the lands claimed by petitioners were, prior to the new Arrangement, Enjoyed by them, are an Annual quit rent.- On the Cession of the Country to the Company, the lands was assumed, and the proceeds paid to the petitioners until Fusly 1230, when it was restored to their own management, by the late Mr. Peter. In Fusly 1241.- Mr. Wroughton, the Sub Collector, Consider-ing petitioners entitled to only a just remuneration for their Services to the Pagoda, recommended the assump-tion of the villages, and a fixed Monthly payment with reference to the Wages fixed for Similar duties in the Meenatchee Pagoda; this was accordingly recom-mended by Mr. Viveash under date 23d September 1831, and on my bringing it again to your notice on the 16 Decr. 1834, it received your sanction on the 19th January 1835.

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The average annual revenue of these lands, deducting quit rent, is Rupees 700:- the pay of petitioners 210:- of the surplus, 2500 Rs. have been laid out on the repairs, to complete which 10,000 Rupees more are requisite.- All other requisite information seems contained in the enclosure to my letter of the 16 December 1834. I beg to add that considering the land was originally given as a fair remun-eration for services performed, I think the pay should have met a proportionate reduction when the assumption of the pagoda land by the Mussulman rulers so en-tirely limited their duties, and conclude they must have escaped only by intrigue, or was meant in the spirit of Mussulman administration, to cease with the lives of the

the incumbents. Under these circumstances I beg to subscribe my opinion in favor of Mr. Vireashe's recommendation.

Madura 21st Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 258

To,
The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Authenticated Copy of one of the documents required in O. S. No. 20 of 1835, On the 2 Stampt papers furnished with your letter of the 15th Instant, the other document was never issued from this office, as explained in the accompanying Tamil Memo.

Madura 21st Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 118

To,
The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.

Salt Confiscated.
Goods Confiscated.

Madura 21st September 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 459 1957

To
The Acting Judge
& Criminal Judge
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this date recd. at 4½ P. M. I have the honor to inform you the Manager of Ramnad receives, and is considered entitled to, every honor exacted by a Zemindar himself when on the musnud.

Madura
21st Sept. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 119

To
The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Not having been furnished with printed forms of Demand Collection and Balance, as applied for in my letter of the 23d July last, I have the honor to forward 7 Statements in Maharatta from 12 July to 31 August and request I may be furnished with the printed forms when you think proper.

Madura
21 Sept. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 460

To
The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the 2d para of your letter of the 25 Ultimo, requesting the attendance of two persons at the Court of the Pundit Sudr. Ameen, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Manager of Ramnad for your information.

Madura
21 Sept. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 120

To,

The President & Members

of the Bd. of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In consequence of an Extract from the Reaudit of my accounts for fusly 1244, herein enclosed, I have the honor to request sanction for Rupees 5 - 5 refunded in June 1835, being duty Collected in excess of the Tariff prices on Sugarcandy, and Soft Sugar imported at Keelakurray in April as directed in Para 5 of your letter dated 1st Decr. 1834 may be furnished me. —

Madura
21st Septr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 461

To,

The Accountant in the Rev. Dept.

of the Acctt. Genl. Office

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter bearing date 8 April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as directed in the accompanying list. —

Madura
22d Septr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 462

To,

The Superintending Engineer

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will inform me with reference to my letter of the 3d Instant, when you intend

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to inspect the scite of the proposed bridge across the Vighey and to hope you will do it with as little delay as possible that the plan, if approved of by Government may be forwarded to England before the setting in of the North east Monsoon

Madura
22d Septr 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No 463

To
The Accountant in the Revl Depts of the Accl Genls Office
Fort St George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 5 Instant I have the honor to forward transcript of a letter from the Board to Government, dated 23d November 1835, of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 4 December annexed thereto, Authorizing the Writing off of Rupees 625. 5. 11.

Madura
22d Septr 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No 464

To
The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward authenticated copies of the documents required in O.S. No 98 of 1835 on the 2 Stampt papers furnished with your letter of the 20 Instant

Madura
22d Septr 1836

(Sigd) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No 121

To
The President & Members of the Bd of Rev

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request sanction for the disbursement

disbursement of Rs. 4766-5-0 for the repair of the Thiroopara-goondum pagoda, an outlay necessary to the preservation of its extensive and valuable building from ruin.-

The surplus belonging to this pagoda now in deposit is Rupees 3019 there is little doubt the rest will be accumulated from periodical offerings before the exhaustion of the funds in hand.-

This revenue has been secured by a regulation of Mr. Wroughton who sent sealed boxes for the reception of the offerings which had hitherto been misappropriated by the pagoda people to their own profit.-

Madura
22d Septr. 1836.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 122

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

The amount ordered to be written off the accounts against the Maumbarray Zemindary was Rs. 1725-11-1, being the Balance due up to fusly 1244. A subsequent balance of Rs. 1582 accrued up to March 1836 of fusly 1245, of which Rs. 647-15 only were Collected, leaving a balance of Rs. 934-1 which also was written off the accounts of April last under support of the above authority, but as the Accountant General requires the sanction of Govt. for it, I beg you will do me the favor of obtaining it.-

Date of
Sanction
Aprl. 1835.

Madura
22d September
1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To

No. 22

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The Secretary to Government
in the
Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette Dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537), I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Acct. General for Company's Rupees 3 - paid by Panoomachoo Rama saumy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, for another quarter, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette. -

Madura
22d. Septr. 1836

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 18. Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 -

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Rama saumy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the Amount in advance on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette for another quarter, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order as per advise from -

Madura
22d September
1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Received

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Danoomachoo Ramasawmy rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three on account of Subscription for another quarter to the Fort St. George Gazette.–

Madura }
22d. September 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 465

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Depmt.
of the Accot. Genl. Office
Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, calling on me for further Explanation to the remark on item No. 2 in the Memo: of remarks on my accounts, from February to April 1836, I have the honor to state that as the Maumbarray Zemindary was ordered by Government on the 4th April to be incorporated with the Ryotwar lands the balance standing against that Estate up to fusly 1244, being Rupees 4725 – 11 1, was written off the accounts in April. Rupees 647. 15 out of the demand of Rupees 1582, collected up to March of fusly 1245 and included under "permanently Settled" revenue, was debited to this head & credited to the Minor head Ryotwar Cash and included in the entry of Profit and loss of the Revenue Department without being credited to the same head in the "Permanently Settled", hence has arisen the difference between the amount of balance of the Ledger and the balance in the Abstract.–

As directed in the 2d. Para of your letter separate sanction has been applied for recognizing the propriety of having written off the accounts the 934 1. 0 in question, on the support of the above authority.

Madura }
24 Septr. 1836. }

(Sd.) J. Blackburne

No. 466 198 391

To,

# The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to furnish Authenticated Copies of the documents required by the parties in O. S. No. 202 of 1835 pending before the Pundit Sudr Ameen, on 4 of the 5 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 13 Instt. the other stampt paper is returned for reasons stated in the accompanying Tamil Memo.—

Madura
24 Septr. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 467

To,

# The Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement of charges incurred for Rupees 17. 11. 2, in remitting 100000 Company's Rupees to the Collector of Tinnevelly, on the 5. August 1836, and request that the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.—

The certificate taken from the Officer escorting the Treasure is likewise enclosed.—

Madura
24 Septr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 468

To,

# The Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter dated 12 Instt. (received only this morning) calling my particular attention to the orders of Government promulgated in the Fort St. George Gazette, Page 542, and requesting that the

accounts

accounts of my Office may be submitted so as to reach your
Office on the 15th of every following Month, and to state any
obstacle that might lay in the way of my complying with
the requisition; I have the honor to inform you the preparation
of the receipts and disbursements of one Month, is commenced
from the 1st of the following, at the Treasury, and are not
completed till the 5th when they are given to the English
Department to be prepared according to English forms -
this takes up till the 10th - On the 11 they are translated into
Drafts for Office use, and then Copied fair, which takes
up till the 15, when it is now usual to despatch them -
Previous to my appointment they were seldom, if ever, trans-
-mitted before the 20 or 22d - I have given much attention
to this part of my duty and as it is necessary first to prepare
separate accounts for Dindigal and Madura and then in-
-corporate them I have no Hope to be able to forward them
12 times in the year, at an earlier period than I am now
in the regular habit of doing, tho no doubt I might occasion-
-ally now and then, when other business was not pressing,
send them a day or two earlier, if particularly desirable -

Madura
24th Septr 1836 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

No. 69

To
The Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St George

Sir
With reference to your letter of the 15 Ultimo
I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes, together with
the Tickets paid for, in the 38th Government Lottery, and enclose

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a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Treasurer of the Government Bank, for Rupees 117, being the amount of Prize drawn, and unpaid to the holder of the Ticket No. 2560.—

Madura }
24 Septr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 18 Exchange for Company's Rupees 117 ". "

To,
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr. Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred and Seventeen, being the amount unpaid from the letter of credit, No. 758, dated 12 Ultimo, on account of Prize drawn to a Ticket No. 2560 in the 58 Government Lottery to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at Sight of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date not being paid, pay the said sum to the Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order as per advice from.—

Madura }
24 Septr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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To,
The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to furnish an Authenticated Copy of the document required in Suder Appeal No. 1[illegible] of 1814 on the stampt paper forwarded with your letter of the 12 instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura }
2[illegible] [illegible] 1836 }

No 123

To,

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

With reference to the entries made in the Statement of charges, incurred without Estimates in fusly 1245 dated 12 instant, and despatched 17th, on account of charges incurred for conveying treasure &ca from different Talook Cutcherries to the Huzzoor Treasury, I have the honor to forward an account particular agreeably to the Form which accompanied your letter of the 2 July last.—

Madura
26th Septr 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No 471

To,

The Acting Judge of

Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Authenticated Copies of the documents required by Plaintiff in O.S. No 251 of 1836 of the file of the Tirparagoondan District Moonsiff as requested in your letter of the 22d instant on the 6 Stampt papers furnished by the Petitioner.—

Madura
26th Septr 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 472

To The Assistant Commy. General
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the hono to forward a Statement showing the Receipt and Charges for Supplying Coolies and Black Cumblies for the service of Ceylon Govt. thro your Department, as it appears by the accounts of this Treasury that these items are not yet finally adjusted and I am under the necessity of settling the late Embezzlement of this Treasury. I request you will be so good as to furnish me with a memo: from the Accounts of your Department on this subject:-

Madura }
26 Septr. 1836 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

No. 473

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the hono to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during last week:-

Madura }
27th. Septr. 1836 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

No. 474

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the hono to request you will be so good as to let me know your Sentiments on the remarks annex-

to

to the Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General dated 6th August 1836, and Conveyed in your letter of the 7th instant, as I Cannot Comprehend what is required. Lieut. Best, late Acting Civil Engineer of this Division, I presume has already Embarked for England.

Madura
27 Septr. 1836.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 475

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Mr. Davidson was sent here to act for the Sub Collector with very short notice. The Acting Collr. of Masulipatam has drawn a bill on me, in his favor, for Rupees 919 - 8. 6, which Mr. Davidson is anxious should be made payable at Madras. I have the honor to request your sanction to draw a bill upon you for that amount at sight.

Madura
27 Septr. 1836.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 476

To
The Post Master General
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your Circular of the 22d Instant, calling my particular attention to the orders of Government, promulgated in the Fort St. George Gazette, Page 542, regarding delay in the despatch of the Post Office accounts, and requiring me me to point out any obstacle that might prevent their despatch, as

as required in your Circular of the 7 September 1833, I have the honor to state that the Post Office Writer at Madura is unable to prepare his accounts within the prescribed time owing to the extent of business he has to perform, without assistance. I beg to repeat my strong recommendation of the 10 Novr. last that he be allowed an assistant on 10½ Rupees pr. Mensum, and I shall, meantime, do my best to prepare and despatch the statements within the time required, by allowing him the aid of a writer from my revenue Office.—

Madura }
27 Septr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 477

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

As directed in your letter of the 23 Inst. I have the honor to inform you that the necessary alteration has been made in the Numbers 15 & 16 of the Register of the 16 Ultimo; but as another Bill No. 18 was granted on the 24 instant, previous to the receipt of your letter under reply, I beg you will be pleased to alter the No. 18 to 20, the same being done in this Office Copy.—

Madura }
27th Septr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 478

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 21st, I beg leave

leave to enclose copy of the order, which has, I am sorry to find, inconvenienced T. Appasawmiah. - It was issued equally with a view of aiding bill holders when I happen to be on circuit, and also for their and my own security.

Bills used to be brought, accepted and returned in the course of a few minutes. - When the time for payment approached they were again brought and delivered by the holder, or his agent, into the office of my Jawabnawish; the order on the treasury was made out signed and registered in the course of 10 or 12 hours, when the holder was called for to receive his money, but it is impossible for the cashkeeper to know the person by whom the bill was presented to the Jawabnawish, or for the Jawabnawish even to recognize the presenter on the evening of the same, or morning of the following day. Should it so happen that the money was paid to a wrong person, who is to be held responsible? You may ask then why not apply your rule to the Jawabnawish instead of the Cashkeeper; my answer is that the security given by the one is nothing in comparison with that given by the other.

When on circuit, too, bill holders rarely follow me - they prefer then to trust their bill to the cashkeeper who forwarded them to me for acceptance, and returned them to the holder, but with express understanding that both he and the Government servants were free from responsibility on the risk. It would be an improvement in the order to direct the cashkeeper, on return of the bill accepted, together with an order of payment, when due, to return the bill to the presentee, and

take

take back and destroy the receipt he had given on receiving it, and nothing then remains but to pay the bill, when and by whom presented, if due.—

If you disapprove this modification, I shall be happy to annul the order altogether and revert to the old practice.—

Madura
27 Septr. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33 Regt. N. I. consisting 1 Havildar 1 Naique and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition on the 21st. September 1836 in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th. and were at liberty to return the next day.—

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Madura
27 Septr. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 479

To
The Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to request you will favor me with Certificate of last payment paid to Mrs. Clarke, pensioner, as also copy of the original authority, as in directing the payment to be made from my Office, the Superior Authorities have omitted to inform me of the amount.—

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th. September 1836

No. 480

To
The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, in answer to your instructions of the 24th. Instant

Instant, that Mr. Lackhart has already received his pay up to the end of August altho' he quitted his Station and charge in the 28th ultimo

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
28th September 1836 }

No. 481.

To The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Authenticated Copy of one of the 2 documents required by Special Appellant in R.S. No. 3 of 1835, on the 2 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of yesterday's date - the other document is not forthcoming, as stated in the accompanying Tamil Memo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
28th Septr 1836 }

Memo. The Principal Collector begs to inform his acting Head Assistant, that in Consequence of not being furnished with the Memo. of the particulars of Extra Tent allowance, as requested in his Memo. of the 2d instant, the accounts are delayed being sent to the Board for Sanction.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
28th Septr 1836 }

No. 482

To The Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post Office Department of India
Calcutta

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 14th this day received, I have the honor to inform you the abolition of the inland Customs in this District will in no wise affect the Salt Monopoly, as, being rented, the prevention of Smugling is not in the least attended to by the renters' Servants.

Signed J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
29th Septr 1836 }

No. 483

To The Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division
Vembacottah

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 27th instant I have

the honor to inform you that the 2 Statements of expenditure for Fusly 1245 received Sanction of Government according to the following dates - Viz

For Rupees - 36 - 10 - 6 - 16th January 1836
" ——— 58 - 12 - 7 - 29th December 1835 -
" ——— 63 - 10 - 1 - 7th July 1835 -
" ——— 22 - 5 - 9 - 7th do
" ——— 28 - 10 " - 27th December 1836
" ——— 40 - " - " - 4th February 1836 -

I have &c

Madura 29th September 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 22

Exchange for Companys Rupees - 2000 " - " -

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Companys Rupees Two Thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this My first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum to Messrs Binny and Co; but not to their order, as per advice from —

Sir
your most obedient Servant

Madura 1st October 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector -

No 484 -

To The Post Master General
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the three Memos; Exhibiting delays in the travelling of the Dawks, in my range, transmitted with your letter of the 27th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that tho' there appears some delay from Dindigul to Cottampatty, and from Ramnad to madura, yet the Mails are invariably ready some hours previous to the arrival of the Southern and Northern Mails, and in no instance could I discover there was any delay - The road from Dindigul to Cottampatty is infested by Tigers, and as the Mail generally travels at Night, little Notice should, I think, be taken of the delay - The road from Ramnad to Madura is intersected by the Vyghey river at 3 different places, with numerous other large Channels, and as a few heavy Showers of

rain fell during the last Month, the roads must have been bad besides the runners' stages being long - I have mentioned in many of my former letters that most of the Stages from Pamba cottah to Madura are under the Superintendence of the Collector of Tinnevelly - I beg to say that I have issued strict orders to the Post offices respectively to obviate as much as possible in future the delay in the travelling of the Mails - and most particularly between Covelpatty & Collampetty, which I think well worthy of reprehension -

(Signed) J Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura
1st October 1836

No. 485.

To The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Authenticated Copy of one of the four Documents required by Plaintiff in O. S. No. 355 of 1836 of the file of the District Moonsiff of Teroopparencoondum; the other Documents are not furnished for reasons stated in the Accompanying Tamil Memo. if you will be good enough to furnish me with particulars I shall be happy in furnishing you copies of them - The other 3 stampt papers are herewith returned -

I have &c.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Principal Collector.

Madura
1st October 1836

No. 124

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Madacolum Talook School, lately supported by Government, is still maintained within the walls of the Menatchee Pagoda in the Fort of Madura: The Children still continue their attendance on their old Master, but his income from their parents is very small - If you see no objection I beg to recommend that I may be permitted to assist him by a monthly payment of five rupees from the funds of the Menatchee Pagoda -

Your Board must not think that because I ask your Sanction for so small an outlay as this from the Pagoda funds, that I do not grant many other and larger amounts at my discretion - I ask it on this occasion because it is a Novel expenditure -

(Signed) J Blackburne

Principal Collector.

Madura
3rd Octr 1836

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue -

Gentlemen - I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 4 Copies of the Printed Form

for the demand Collection and Balance, forwarded with your letter of the 26th Ultimo

Madurae 3d October 1836 } I have &c. (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collector

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No 486.

# To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir

In Consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying guard, under the escort of Shaik Bada, Havildar of 33 Regiment N. I. the Sum of Company's Rupees (3541 " 4) Three thousand Five hundred and Forty one and Pice Four, as per Invoice enclosed, as well as the receipt granted by the said Havildar for the above — the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge —

I have the honor to be &c.

Madurae 3d October 1836 } J Blackburne Pl. Cr.

Madura 3d October 1836.

I do hereby certify that I received under my charge from the Principal Collector of Madura one Box on a Cart, said to contain Treasure to the amount of Company's Rupees Three thousand Five hundred and Forty one and Pice Four, to be delivered to the Principal Collector of Tanjore —

(Signed) Shaik Bada

No 487.

# To The Principal Collector of Tanjore

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General I have this day dispatched to you, in charge of the Guard coming from Tinnevelly the sum of C Rupees (3541 " 4) Three thousand Five hundred and Forty one and Pice Four as per Duplicate Invoice enclosed — as well as the receipt granted by Shaik Bada, Havildar of the 33d Regiment N. I. for the above —

I have the honor to be &c.

Madura 3d October 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collector

Duplicate

Madura 3d October 1836.

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura in good order and well conditioned one Box on a Cart said to contain Treasure to the amount of Company's Rupees Three Thousand Five hundred and Forty one and Pice Four to be delivered to the Principal Collector of Tanjore —

(Signed) Shaik Bada

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 23rd Ultimo I have this day dispatched to the Principal Collector of Tanjore, at Negapatam, under Charge of the Tinnevelly Escort, commanded by Shaick Bada Havildar of the 33rd Regiment N. I. Gold and Silver Coins amounting to Rupees 3541 - " - 4 as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed — The Escort arrived here yesterday (Sunday) at 8 A.M. and will leave this to day at 2 P.M. -

I have the honor to be

&c.

Madura
3rd October 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Triplicate

Madura 3rd October 1836 -

I do hereby certify that I received under my Charge from the Principal Collector of Madura one Box, on a Bandy, said to contain Treasure of Various Coins to the Amount of Companys Rupees Three thousand Five hundred and Forty one and Rs. four to be delivered to the Principal Collector of Tanjore —

No. 489 -

(Signed) Shaick Bada

To The Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of Boards petition No. 53. of 1835, which I have the pleasure to return you, on supposition that you have been led by the Endorsement alone to think meant for me, I beg leave to recall to your recollection that when Ilumbepoorum was under Sequestration only it was under my Management as ex-Officio Superintendant of Church and Charity property, but that on its being restored to the Claimant, by order of the Board of Revenue, my partial Management entirely ceased, and the General Superintendence, which had never been interfered with remained solely with you, the Village appertaining to your Collectorate - If you have not returned it to me overlooking these circumstances, I must apologize for thus unnecessarly troubling you again.

Madura
3rd October
1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

No 490.

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To the Colletor of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you two Bills at sight in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, for Rupees 277-12-" for his Establishment, and Mr J. Silver, Assistant Collector, for Rupees 202-9-" being his pay and allowances, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors" —

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3d October 1836

No 491.

To Captain C. E. Faber
Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division
Shenkottah

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly for Company's Rupees (277-12-0) being the amount of Pay for your Establishment for September 1836 —

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3d October 1836

Exchange for Companys Rupees ... 277-12-"

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight Please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Seventy Seven and Annas Twelve, being the Pay of his Establishment for September, which Sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" —

Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3d October 1836

Exchange for Companys Rupees — 202-9-"

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr J. Silver, Late Assistant Collector of Madura or his order, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Two and annas Nine, being the

the amount of his Salary &c from 1st to 15th September 1836 - which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" -

Sir
your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
3d October 1836

No. 126.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue -

Gentleman,

As directed in your Circular of the 22d Ultimo (received 2nd instant) I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the Inland Districts to which salt is transported, and for which Ravanahs have been issued from the salt pans in this district, the quantity of salt transported to each district, in each of the last 2 years, and the route by which it is transported -

I have &c
Signed J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th October 1836

No. 492.

To The Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

The inclosed Tamil Memo and Copy of an address from the Maudacalum Tahsildar will shew you the Documents of which you require copies, in your letter of the 22d Ultimo are not forthcoming, I have therefore the honor to return the 2 Stamp Papers -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th October 1836

No. 493.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week -

I have the honor to be
&c
J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura
4th October 1836

No. 494

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With many thanks I beg to return you the detailed Tamil Summah bundy of account

account of the Moturpha of the Cusbah Tencauly, for Fusly 1245, which you were good enough to send me with your letter of the 7th Ultimo

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Madura }
4th October 1836 }

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I have &c.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 495

To The Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the account required in your Tamil Memo in A.S. No. 92 of 1835, forwarded with your letter of this date is not forthcoming in this Office.

Madura }
4th October 1836 }

I have &c.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 127

The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 — I have the honor to forward two revised statements of the receipts and disbursements on account of Hindu and Mahomedan religious and charitable institutions, prepared as far as I understood them, according to your instructions of the 11th August and 5th Ultimo.

2 In this Collectorate these institutions may be divided into four Classes,
1st Pagodas and Chettrums under the direct care of the Collector, the lands of which having been assumed and a fixed allowance having been given in lieu, all surplus is carried to the profit of Government.

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2d Pagodas, the lands of which having been assumed are under the direct care of the Collector, but the entire proceeds of which are appropriated to the Pagodas.

3d The small Pagodas situated in the unalienated Government Talooks, the lands with which they are endowed, being under the exclusive management of proprietors, who expect no orders and furnish no accounts to the Collector.

4th The Pagodas of Ramnad, Shevagunga and other Zemindaries, the endowments and care of which are in the hands of the Zemindars, who also render no account to the Collector.

3. — The statements, furnished on the 24th March 1834, exhibited the receipts and disbursements for ten years of the above four Classes of endowments.

4. The Statement A, now forwarded, shews only the annual average receipts and disbursements of the two first mentioned Classes, which are under the care of

of the Collector, while Statement B shews only the revenues of lands bestowed on pagodas under the direct care of the Collector, which have been resumed, and in lieu of which fixed allowances have been given —

5\. If you compare the abstract statement, which accompanied my letter of the 24th March 1834, with statements now forwarded, great difference will be found and is to be accounted for by the former containing all four Classes of Institutions, defined in the 2d Para of this Report, whilst the latter includes only the 1st and 2d Classes —

6\. The excess charges for ten years of Rs. 36338, entered in Column 29 of the abstract statement that accompanied my letter of the 24th March 1834, are entirely on the Pagodas of the 4th Class, alluded to in the 2d Para of this Report, and have no connexion with the pagodas under the Collector's direct care —

7\. The Yeomiaks amounting to Rs. 5012-7-6 per annum, are the only gratuitous allowances made by Government in this Collectorate; all the rest being in lieu of resumed lands —

8\. Statement B Shews the annual average revenue derived from resumed Pagoda lands to be Rupees 103276, the allowance given in lieu Rupees 59380, and the Balance appropriable to Government Rupees 43896, which will be the annual loss to Government if the lands be restored to the different religious Institutions —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
5th October 1836

Received from the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees 803-9-11 Eight hundred and three annas nine and Pice Eleven, being the amount of Fees and Penalties levied and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c in the Month of September —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
5th October 1836

No. 496 —

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter bearing date 8th April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as discreted in the accompanying list —

Madura
5th October 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjore

Negapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an address from Vencatasawmy Rajah dependent on the pension granted in name of Sooba Samy Raja (who left this for Negapatam on a two months leave, on the 6th May last and has not since returned) Complaining that he no longer receives his portion.

May I request you will have the goodness to send for & question Sooba Samy Rajah on the subject, and assure him that if the Complaint be not immediately and satisfactorily adjusted I shall be under the necessity of withholding any future payments to his Vakeel.

* To be returned

I have also the honor to inclose depositions of the Complainant, and of Sooba Samy Rajas Vakeel, the latter of whom is however, only empowered to receive the pension, where it is that I am obliged to trouble you to obtain me the pensioners own sentiments and determination.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
5th October 1836

No 498.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr E P Thompson Assistant Judge of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his salary for September 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and Credit, on his account to the Civil Fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

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|---|---|
| Salary for September 1836 | 1400 |
| Deduct Civil Fund at 6 per Cent | 84 |
| Rs | 1316 |

I have the honor to &c.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
6th October 1836

No 499

To The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to my promise to endeavor to dispatch your accounts by the 5th of every subsequent month. I am sorry to say I am even in this first month entirely disappointed thro' the severe fever of the P.O. Writer of this place. I am hastening to supply his place by means of the

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revenue writers and I trust to despatch them in two days more.

Madura 6th Octr 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Colr.

No. 500

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in O.S. No. 98 of 1835, on the 8 Stamp papers furnished with your letters of the 9th Ultimo and 4th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collector

Madura 6th October 1836 }

No. 501

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the original Accounts furnished by the Manager of Ramnad required by M.P. No. 981 of 1836 as requested in your letter of the 28th Ultimo.

(Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collr.

Madura 6th October 1836 }

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector begs to remind the Acg. Hd. Asst. that the Quarterly return, shewing the places he resided in from 12th July to 30th September last, has not been furnished by him.

(Signed) J Blackburne Princl. Collr.

Madura 6th October 1836 }

No. 128

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To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 26th Ultimo, Calling again for my report on the Right of Certain Temples to employ boats in the Ceylon Pearl Fishery

The Zemindar of Ramnad, being principally interested in this question, it became imperative on me to refer to him on the subject;— Ten days ago I received an address, in answer to my Call upon him, that it would still take eight days to prepare his answer. I hope you will excuse the delay on the importance of the subject.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
7th October 1836

From the Guardian and Manager for the heiress of Ramnad
to the Principal Collector of Madura.

I have received your second order of the 17th September, Calling to know why I had not yet replied to your's of the 5th August on the Subject of the Pearl Fishery. I beg leave to say it is impossible to give suddenly a satisfactory answer regarding what commenced so long time back. Many documents have to be searched for amongst almost forgotten records, but I hope to be able to make my answer within a week.

(True translate) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Ramnad
25th September 1836

No. 129

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 22d. Ultimo, received yesterday, directing me to submit, at my earliest Convenience, a report upon the present state of the English and native records of my Office, and the System upon which they are kept. In reply I beg to state that all the English letters received during the year, are pasted into Books according to their dates, and an Index attached to the facing with the Signature of the Record keeper and bound with leather.

All letters sent are numbered Consecutively and Copied daily into a Book; and to admit of easy reference the record keeper has been directed to prefix an Index to the facing of each Book. Lists are prepared for all English accounts according to the Month and year.

All Hindoowe Accounts, received from the Talooks, are accompanied with lists, consecutively numbered, and at the Close of the fusly, they are numbered according to the respective Talooks, and delivered to the Native record keeper. In addition to this, all accounts prepared at the Collector's Office during one Year, are, in the following, delivered by the Gomastahs of each department, with a list, to the record keeper, who again numbers them Consecutively and deposits them in Dufters or Bundles with a list attached, to shew that it Contains such Accounts of such a Village, the list also Contains the number of papers

Contained in each Dufter or Bundle, and to admit of easy reference, another list is kept of the Bundles, shewing their number from 1 to So on, and will at one view, point out what number Bundle contains such accounts. In the list of particulars will be mentioned that the accounts of such a village contains so many pages.

All Tamil addresses received from the Talooks are numbered, and kept, with a Monthly list, according to each Talook.

All orders issued to Tasildars are numbered entered into a Book, and kept according to the several Months in the Year.

All revenue Petitions, and Complaints, are numbered Consecutively in the Year and Contain all the documents Connected with each, with a list duly numbered.

All documents taken in an Examination, made in the Talooks, and forwarded by Tasildars, are accompanied with lists, and kept in the same state.

Original documents, produced by parties in support of Complaints, made in this Office, are not retained, but returned to the parties, after taking Copies of them.

(Signed) J Blackburne.
Prinl. Collector

Madura
7th October 1836

No. 130.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In answer to Major Ross's letter of the 3d Instant I have the honor to inform You, that neither Jail, Court House nor Commercial Office at Ramnad, are at present required by the Company for any purpose, nor are they, as far as I know, at all likely to be so.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura

No. 502.

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in O.S. No. 83 of 1835, pending before the Register on One of the 3 Stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 4th Instant; the other 2 Stampt papers are returned as being too many.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
7th October 1836

No. 503

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 5th Instant I beg to inform you that I expect a cooly with printed forms of demand Collection and Balance, about the 15th Instant and will feel obliged by your informing me, if I shall dispatch those required by you on their arrival here, or if you would wish to await the arrival of your own supply as I have not now a single one on hand.

I have &c.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
8th October 1836

No. 504

To the Military Paymaster
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 4th Instant and its Enclosure.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
8th October 1836

No. 23

Exchange for Company's Rupees. 350

To the Accountant General Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas William Goodwyn Esqre, Acting Head Assist. Collr.

Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and fifty, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum to Messrs Arbuthnot and Co; but not to their order, as per advice from

Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
8th October 1836

No. 505

To the Collector of
Rajamundry

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of J W Goodwyn Esqre, Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his salary and House Rent for September 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his account to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of Remittances and transfers between Collector –

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|---|---|
| Salary for September 1836 | 525 " " |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ per cent | 32 13 " |
| | 492 3 " |
| House Rent for do | 55 " " |
| | Rs 547 3 " |

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
10th October 1836

No. 506

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week –

I have the honor to be &c
J Blackburne
P Collr

Madura
10th October 1836

No. 507

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Ameen of the Southern Salt pans of this District, and will feel obliged by your ascertaining the truth of his assertion of want of Cooperation on the part of your Salt Servants near the Vembar –

I have &c
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
10th October 1836

No. 131

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your proceedings of the

11th August, together with extract from the minutes of Consultation of the 27th of the same month, and also of your subsequent Proceedings of the 1st ultimo on the Subject of the Shevagunga Moturpha —

2d. In the 2d para of my letter of the 30th March, I reported that with exception of Rs. 162, proved, by the accounts of Fusly 1241, to have been received during that year of attachment, nothing had been collected by the Zemindar on account of Moturpha since Fusly 1215 —

3. On calling upon him again, in consequence of your Board's instructions, he forwarded accounts from Fusly 1234 to 1838, shewing the collection of certain sums 1127 Rs. per annum, on an average of five years / from Potmakers, but stated, that it was not a professional or personal tax, but a Sotuntrum or fine or quit rent levied from them on account of their enjoyment of Maniam lands — and in the accounts of Fusly 1241 is the Collections of Rs. 36 from the Manufacturers of Iron in the whole Zemindary —

Included in the 162 Rs. alluded to in para 2.

4th. The 5792 Rs. which Mr. Lushington assumed as the Moturpha amount when preparing the Peshkush was leviable from Potmakers — Nugger Chatties — Manufacturers of Iron, distinct from Iron Smiths — Parias and Herdsmen — To meet the wishes of Government as far as — in my power, I deputed Servants to make enquiries amongst these five Classes, who have brought me back written assurances that Moturpha taxes are no longer levied from them —

5th. If you are satisfied the Moturpha has been bona fide discontinued since Fusly 1215, I request you will favor me with your instructions to carry into immediate effect the orders of Government on the subject as explained in Mins. Con: of 27th August —

In reporting upon the proposed Imposition of Moturpha on the Government talooks, I shall shortly have occasion to beg to be acquainted with your designs as to the reimposition of it in Shevagunga and Ramnad, and if you propose it should be levied with much expense & trouble by the Collector, or abandoned, at the former assumed rates to the Zemindars —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
10th October
1836

No. 508

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 15th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward

forward for your information Copy of an address and its inclosure from the Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary

I have &c
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
11th October 1836

No 509

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st August last, regarding the boundary
2 dispute of some waste lands between Soondrapandyem and Vellapattel Villages, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address and its inclosure from the Tasildar of Tirumungalom

I have &c
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
11th October
1836

No 132

The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th Complaining that my demand Collection and balance account to the end of August, which ought to have reached you on the 21st September had not even then been received, has just reached me

I am very sorry for the inconvenience you suffer but hope you will excuse it, when you recollect the English forms were only received on the 2d Instant,
9 having been dispatched from Madras on the 26th Ultimo, and they were retransmitted to you properly filled upon the 5th Instant

I would further beg to remind you that to save you, as far as I could, from inconvenience, I determined not to await any longer the arrival of these printed forms but dispatched the Marrattah original on the 20th Ultimo

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collector

Madura
12th October 1836

Received from the Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Companys Rupees (1500 " ") one thousand and five hundred to be
9 deposited with the Money belonging to the Court

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
12th October 1836

No. 133.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to State that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements

Goods Confiscated

Return of persons Charged with offences under Regn. IX of 1822

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
13th. October 1836

No. 134.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report to your Board that I have this day delivered over charge of the District to Mr. R. Davidson, Acting Sub Collector, and enclose his receipt for the Cash in the Treasury, amounting to Rupees 80975 - 15 ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

Madura
14th. October 1836

No. 135

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day received charge of the Collectorate from Mr. J. Blackburne together with the amount of Cash in the Treasury for which my receipt has been passed, as prescribed in Regulation II Aug. 1803.

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(Signed) R. Davidson
Acting Sub Collector
in charge

Madura
14th October 1836

Duplicate

Received from J. Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura and Dindigul, in the undermentioned Coins, the Sum of Company's Rupees 80975 15 " being the Balance of Cash up to this date according to the Accounts of the Treasury

| Species | Coins | Number of Coins | Rate of conversation per 100 pieces of Coins: Rs | A | P | Cash | Amount: Rs | A | P | Total: Rs | A | P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gold | Gold Mohurs | 172 | 1500 | " | " | " | 2580 | " | " | | | |
| | Do ½ Do | 7 | 750 | " | " | " | 52 | 8 | " | | | |
| | Do ⅓ Do | 197 | 500 | " | " | " | 985 | " | " | | | |
| | Do ¼ Do | 5 | 375 | " | " | " | 18 | 2 | " | 3636 | 4 | " |
| Silver | New Company's Rupees | 909 | 100 | " | " | | 909 | | | | | |
| | Old Do | 70967 | " | " | " | " | 70967 | " | " | | | |
| | Soolaky Rupees | 19 | " | " | " | " | 19 | " | " | | | |
| | Bombay Do | 2141 | " | " | " | " | 2141 | " | " | | | |
| | Old Half Rupees | 6190 | 50 | " | " | | 3095 | " | " | | | |
| | Soolaky Do | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | 8 | " | | | |
| | Bombay Do | 38 | " | " | " | " | 19 | " | " | | | |
| | Old Quater Rupees | 377 | 25 | | " | " | 94 | 4 | " | | | |
| | Soolaky Do | 1 | " | " | " | " | " | 4 | " | | | |
| | Bombay Do | 4 | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | " | | | |
| | Double annas | 230 | 12 | 8 | " | " | 28 | 12 | " | | | |
| | Single Do | 190 | 6 | 4 | " | " | 11 | 14 | " | 77286 | 10 | " |
| | 4 Pice Pieces | 13 | 2 | 1 | 4 | " | " | 4 | 4 | | | |
| | 2 Do | 841 | 1 | " | 8 | " | 8 | 12 | 2 | | | |
| | 1 Do | 1007 | " | 8 | 4 | " | 5 | 3 | 11 | | | |
| | 20 Cash pieces | 1022 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 33 5¼/10 | 19 | 13 | 11 | | | |
| | 10 Do | 1940 | | 15 | 6 | 66 10¾/10 | 18 | 14 | 8 | 53 | 1 | " |
| | | | | | | | Total Company's Rs | | | 80975 | 15 | " |

E. E. (Signed) R. Davidson
Acting Sub Collector
in charge

Madura
14th October 1836

No. 510.

To
The Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George.

Sir,
I have the honor to state that Mr. J. Blackburne has delivered over this Collectorate to my charge this day.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collector in charge.

Madura
14th October 1836.

No. 136

To
The President & Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,
I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Sayer and Abkary rent of the Talook of Tonkarary was concluded in July, to the Amount of Rupees 22400 for this fusly, and the necessary deposit was also made by the renter with the Exception of a small sum. this Talook suffers much from want of rain, the decrease in the Cultivation up to this period is Rupees 25000. On the failure of the renter in making good his Kist for last Month, I credited it from his deposit, and the Tahsildar reports, in his address of the 5th instant, that he has no hope of realizing, from the renter, more than a small portion of the Kists of this Month — and begs permission to keep the farm under his own management. I have every reason to believe that Aumanee Management will not be profitable to Govt. and would therefore prefer to keep the rent in charge of the

the present renter, deputing One of the Talook Gomastahs with a few of the Hoozoor Delayets, with directions to remit the daily Collections at the Chowkey to the Taluldar's Treasury, together with the Collections made by the renter from his Sub-renters, after paying his Establishment. If this mode is pursued, I think the loss to Government will not Amount to more than 4000 Rupees - at all events I feel satisfied it will be the least losing course to pursue. —

Madura
14 October 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 511

To
The Acting Civil Engineer
4 Division
Palamcottah

Sir

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Accountant General, under date the 10th instant, together with the Statement of Tentage, un-drawn by the Civil Engineers Department, and request you will have the goodness to furnish separate Bills as therein directed, for transmission to the Accountant General and Civil Auditor respectively. —

Madura
14th October
1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 137

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of copy of the despatch from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors

of the 7th October 1835 and of the Minutes of Consultation dated 25 May, which accompanied the Extract from your Proceedings of the 11 July, on the 31st of the same month, calling for a report of what temples claim the right to fish for pearls in the Gulph of Manar — the grounds of their rights, and the best means for effecting a satisfactory adjustment of the claims.—

2. Two temples of the Ramnad Zemindarry viz: of Thirpoolaunee, and Thiroouthracoshamungay have long had the privilege of one boat each; and the Temple of Ramaiswarum of two boats: as they are all under the direct superintendence of the Ramnad Zemindar, I would fain have had the benefit of his research and opinion on the subject but as he has failed in the promise to report within any reasonable time, as communicated in my letter of the 7 to your Board, and as your Board seem anxious for an immediate report, I hasten to prepare it from the records of my office.—

3. Consequent on the objections of His Majesty's Government in Ceylon to allow the three temples to exercise their privelidges, a careful enquiry into their rights was instituted by the Sub Collector Mr. Gleig then in charge of the aforesaid Zemindarry of Ramnad, and on the 18 June 1828, he sent translates of the documents proving their right, which he had found amongst the temple records, and these were forwarded to your Board by the Principal Collector on the 20th of the same Month.—

A perusal of these documents, which to my mind fully establishes

establishes the rights of the temples & have every appearance of being genuine, and granted by competent authority - and their long undisputed exercise of this right confirms me in its justice, and induces me most fully to concur with Mr. Gleig, and the late Principal Collector, that the temples are fully entitled to them. - I do not forward transcripts of these documents because your Board will find them as enclosures to the letter above alluded to from Mr. Peter on the 20th June 1828. -

But I beg leave also to add these claims were brought to the notice of the Madras Government so long ago as 1799, and fully admitted, as will be apparent by the certificates granted by Mr. Robt. Andrews, Superintendent of Fisheries, under dates 20th April 1797 and 10th October 1798, as will be seen on reference to your Boards records. -

I - It seems unnecessary to attempt to combat the argument of the local Government of Ceylon that conquest gave them the right to annul the privileges of the Indian temples because Lord Glenelg does not admit the principle, neither does His Lordship seem inclined to agitate the question of the exercise of the privilege were only available when the fishery was conducted direct by Government, and not when rented by that same Government to an Individual. -

The translated documents, to which I have referred in the 3rd para of this address, will I trust, be a satisfactory and complete information on the subject of Lord Glenelg's first query as far as the temples of this district are concerned, The 2nd and 3rd are for the consideration of the

the Ceylon Government alone.—

5.— When the fishery is large and continuous the profits of the temples are very small; as the fisheries are smaller and more frequent, so do the profits of the temples increase and this alone seems a fair ground of complaint and dissatisfaction on the part of his Majesty's Government at Ceylon. but if the Honorable the Governor in Council would be so good as to procure a return of the number of fisheries, and days continuance and of the boats employed in them for a series of years (ten or twenty or whatever the Government may think fit) I have little doubt a satisfactory commutation would be readily admitted by the Superintendents of the Temples, and they probably would not object to give up their claim to fish in toto for an average pecuniary compensation.—

For example

| Years | Pearl fishery: No. of boats per diem | No. of days | Total of boats | For Manaar boats out each day.— | Percentage to Manaar boats in Col 4. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1830 | 100 | 40 | 4000 | 160 | 4 |
| 1833 | 200 | 20 | 4000 | 80 | 2 |
| 1835 | 50 | 40 | 2000 | 160 | 8 |
| | | | 10000 | 400 | 4 |

6.— It may be proper to observe on the misconception which dictated the 2d. para of Sir R W Hortons despatch to the Right Honorable T. S. Rice of the 7th. February 1835 in which he remarks that the profits of the temple boats do not go to the Temples, but

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serve to augment the revenues of the Madras Government", as far as the temples of this district are concerned the assertion is incorrect; — the profits go direct and exclusively to the respective temples: the interference of the local Government officers being confined solely to certifying the claimants, & endeavors to support them in their rights. —

Madura 14th October 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collr.

No. 512

To

The Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division Tincaurey

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 15 instant I have the honor to state that the Maramut Maistry being attacked with fever he has been permitted to proceed to Tinnevelly, however the Talook Maistry with 2 Deliyets have been directed to wait your Arrival at Cinatoor on the 20th. —

Madura 17th October 1836. } (Signed) R. Davidson Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 138

To

The President & Members of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen

With reference to Mr. Blackburnes letter of the 14th instant reporting upon the rights of Certain Temples in the Ramnad Zemindary in the Pearl fishery, I have the honor to forward Copy and translate of an

address

address and its Enclosure, just received from the Guardian and Managers of the Ramnad Zemindary.—

Madura
17th October
1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in charge

Translation of an Address from Ranee Moottooveerayee Nachiar and Vegia Ragoonauda Mootooshella Taver Guardian & Manager of the Zemindary of Ramnad.—

We have received the Order No. 154, dated 5 Augt. last, inclosing for our reply certain queries regarding the rights of the Mansium Boats of Ramaweram &ca. Temples in the Pearl fishery of Manar, together with the Order No. 205 dated 8th instant directing us to forward an Account of the revenue derived from the Pearl fishery.—

The Pearl fisheries of Columbo and Manar were formerly under the Government of the Carnatic Kings of Madura of Pandymundalom, and subsequently came under Conquest of the descendants of Paraajasagara, the then reigning King of Columbo; about 300 years ago the Carnatic Kings, wishing to wrest the rights from the King of Columbo, Consulted Samara Kalagola Ragoonauda Sadoopady, the then Rajah of Ramnad, who, in Consideration of their Mutual friendship, proceeded with a force to recover the Pearl fishery, when the King of that Country Consented to allow the Carnatic Kings to fish a few Boats during the fisheries, and the Zemindar of Ramnad to fish 96 Stones.

About 250 years ago, Vegia Comara Mutulinga Chokalinga Tyrmul Naick, a Carnatic King, Endowed as a Gift 5 stones per Boat to the Tirplanee Temple, under a Deed dated

Chittray

Chitteray Month, of the year Sarwadee of Salwapana 1463, and 5 Stones to Teruwootheracoashamungay Temple under a Copper Deed dated Vyarhee Month of the same year.

Kautta Tavar Dalavay Saidoopady Zemindar of Ramnad, Endowed, as a Gift to the Ramaweram Temple, 7 Stones per boat out of the 96 Stones he enjoyed under a Deed dated 25th Tye of the year Ruckthalchee of Salwapana 1531, and subsequently Mootoo Vyea Ragoonauda Saidoopady Kautta Taiver Endowed to the above Temple 3 Stones, under a Copper Deed dated 1st Chitteray of the year Jeya of Salwapana 1636; and, accordingly, whenever Pearl fisheries took place, the Boats of the above Temples went and fished to the Extent of their respective Manuims, and the revenue derived therefrom was appropriated to the benefit of the Temples the remaining Boats to the Extent of 86 Stones was Enjoyed by this Zemindary during the time of the Carnatic Kings. when the Dutch took possession of Colombo and Manar the rights of fishing at the Pearl fishery was investigated and Continued as theretofore, and tho' the remaining 86 Stones that was Enjoyed by this Zemindary, and discontinued, was never claimed by the descendants of Mootoo Vyea Ragoonauda Saidoopady Kautta Taiver yet the privileges of the Temples was Continued during the Dutch Government, & no objections was made to the rights of the Temples since 1796, the period it became under Conquest of the British Government:- when some objections were made in the fishery that took place in 1828, Mr. Glug, the then Sub Collector at Ramnad, Called for the 17 documents in support of

of the Claims of the Ramasweram Temple, and 17 Certificates granted at different periods, by the Authorities at the Manar fisheries on behalf of Tripalanee and Teroowootheracoasha-munjay Temples; as also 4 Ancient Deeds, which, after taking Copies of them, returned the Originals to the respective Temples. should they be now required I shall send them. when objections were made during the fishery in 1828, the above documents were produced to the Government of Ceylon, and after inspection the Temples were allowed to fish as usual at Manar during the rent of the fisheries in fusly 1240 1242. & 1244; and also during the 4 Amany days in fusly 1240; and 2 days in 1244; thus they fished both under the renter and Amany.

As we could not up to this time find, amongst the records, the Accounts of the fisheries allowed to the Temples by the Ceylon Government, that took place from the year 1796 to 1814; and the Jummah Keerah of the Temples also do not Contain the revenue derived from the Manar fishery from fusly 1224 to 1239, we have been unable to prepare the 10 years revenue, and average, as directed in your form which accompanied your Order. but have Entered the revenue derived to the Temples in fusly 1240 1242. & 1244 from the Manar fishery, and fusly 1227 31 37 and 39 from the Tutacoreen fisheries. this Account we beg to send with 3 Original Certificates granted for the Boats of Tripalanee Temple, 3 Certificates for Teroowootheracoashamunjay Temple, and 4 Copies of the 6 Certificates granted for the Ramasweram Temple, which were found amongst our records, the Originals being

lodged in the Catchery of that Temple.—

We before reported to you that the Ceylon Govt. had objected to the usual Boats sent with the punters on behalf of the Temples fishing in the Pearl fishery that took place at Manar and Arrepoo in March last, and it would appear that the Ceylon Government frequently objects to the Boats fishing only in such years the fishery is limitted, because the Temples derive much benefit thereby.—

It is of little Consequence whether 10 or 1000 Boats fish for the Temples are Entitled to no more than 4 Boats, and Cannot demand more.—

We have submitted the above for your Consideration and justice, and will abide to any orders that you may send us.—

We beg you will return to us after inspection the 6 Original Sr. Certificates.—

(Signed) Moottoveeraye Nachear
Vijia Ragoonauda Moottoo:
shella Tevar.
Manager
(Signed) R. Davidson

Ramnad
13th. October
1836.

Statement Shewing the Revenue derived from the Manium Boats allowed to the Davastanoms of Terropallaney Therooootteranamunjay & Ramaneeram in the Pearl fishery at Manar in the following year.—

| Fisheries | Fixed donees to the Davastanoms | Number of Dones allowed to the Davastanoms in each fishery | Amount derived to the Davastanoms in each fishery Rs. | a | p | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1240 | 4 | 4 | 3500 | | | The Pagoda Accounts refer only to the Manium Boats but do not shew how many boats were employed by the Govern. |
| 1242 | 4 | 4 | 4701 | | | |
| 1244 | 4 | 4 | 7100 | | | |
| Total | 12 | 12 | 15301 | " | " | |

Ramnad 13 Oct. 1836.
(True Translate)
(Signed) R. Davidson
Acting Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 139

To

The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter dated 6th instant Enclosing Petition No. 600 of 1836 from Eera Soobamoneyapilly Revenue Defaulter I have the honor to state that as no further advantage was Anticipated by his detention in Jail he was released on the 1st August.—

Madura }
17th October 1836.— }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a Draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees 33-10-. / dated 14th October 1836 being pay in Arrears for September 1836, for Native Pensioners attached to Public Bungalows.—

Madura }
17th October 1836.— }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 513

To

The Accountant in the Revenue Depart.
of the Acctt. Genl's. Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed in your letter of the 11th instant I have the honor to forward a Separate Bill of Tent allowance for Captain Faber and Lieutenant Shaw of the Civil Engineers Department.—

Madura }
20th October }
1836.— }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No 514

To,
The Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward a Bill of Tent allowance of the Surveyors of the Civil Engineers Establishment.—

Madura }
20th October 1836 }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No 515

To,
The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,
I have the honor to forward three Statements of Occasional Estimates with short remarks carefully considered by Mr Blackburne. If you are of opinion they are sufficient to warrant the Expenditure, I trust you will procure the necessary Sanction at your Earliest Convenience that I may take them in hand at the moment most desirable for their Execution.—

Madura }
20th Octr 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No 516

To,
The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,
I have the honor to inclose an Extract from the Memo of remarks on my accounts for the Month of May 1836 received from the Accountant General, and request that the necessary information therein required may be furnished to me.—

Madura }
20th October }
1836.— }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No. 517

To

The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 20th Instant I have the honor to inform you that your application should be made to the Collector of Tinnevelly for the Copies of the documents therein required in O.S. No. 183 of 1836, as the Talook of Senilpoton is not under this Collectorate. The Stamped Papers are herewith returned. —

Madura
21st October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 23

To

The Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Companys Rupees 3, paid by Mr. David Ross Lemond for the present quarter, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette

Madura
21st October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

No. 24 Exchange for Companys Rupees 3 - -

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. David Ross Lemond, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Compy's Rups. Three, being the Amount in advance on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, for the present quarter, to be paid at Madras I request you will at Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Govt. in the Public Dept., but not to his order, as per advice from: —

Madura

Received from the Officer Commanding Madura two (2) Gate guard rooms with their fixtures, situated north and west respectively this 21st day of October 1836.—

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 518

To
The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Authenticated Copies of the Documents on 3 Stampt Papers, as requested in your letter under date the 13th Instant.—

Madura
22d. October 1836.—

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 519

To
The Acting Superintendent of Stamps
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the quarterly Statements ending 30th April last, and the Annual accounts for the past fusly, corrected agreeably to your Circular letter dated 15th instant.—

Madura
22d. October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 140

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Respecting your letter of the 20th Instant just received, requesting with as little delay as possible a special report upon the state of the season in this District. I have the honor to state that rain has not fallen for the last 30 days, nor

has any water been received into the river. The cultivation, both wet and dry, is suffering greatly and much loss may be expected if there be no rain within a week or ten days.—

The prices of grain continue the same as in last month but it is probable that on the beginning of the ensuing month they will be increased.—

Madura }
24th October 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 520

To

The Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill of charges amounting to Rupees two for Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul on the 15th October 1836 and request you will be good enough to remit the Amount.—

Madura }
24th October 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 521

To

The Accountant in the Revenue Deptt.
of the Actt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to your letter bearing date 8th April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as described in the accompanying list.—

Madura }
24th October }
1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

23D

No. 522

To

The Collector

of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Bill of R. Davidson Esqre. Head Assistant Collector of your District for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary, House Rent and Tent allowance for September 1836 which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit on his account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) R. Davidson

Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2/3 Salary from 1st to 8th September 1836 | 38.12.2 | |
| Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent | 2.6.9 | 36.5.5 |
| 1/3 Salary from Do. to Ditto | 19.6.– | |
| Deduct Civil fund @ Do. | 1.3.5 | 18.2.7 |
| 2/3 Salary from 9th to 30th Septr. | 256.10.8 | |
| Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent | 16.–.8 | 240.10.– |
| 1/3 Salary from do. to Do. | 128.5.4 | |
| Deduct Civil fund @ Do. | 8.–.4 | 120.5.– |
| Tent allowance from Do. to Do. | | 415 / 30.12.10 |
| House rent for September | | 35.–.– |
| Rupees | | 481.3.10 |

Madura
24th Octr. 1836

No. 523

To

The Principal Collector

of Coimbatore

Sir,

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I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in your favor at 10 days Sight for the sum of Companys Rupees One hundred and Thirty four Annas Eight and Pice Six, being the amount of Tentage & Establishment

of Lieutenant J. C. Shaw 2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Divn as per his letter under date 20th Instant which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors". –

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

Madura
24th October 1836.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 134. 8. 6.

To
The Principal Collector
of
Coimbatore

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, or his order the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred and Thirty four, Annas Eight, and pice Six, being the amount of Tentage and Establishment of Lieutenant J. C. Shaw 2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors. –

Madura
24th October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

No. 41

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to report the death of the Zemindar of Nellacottah in the Dindegul Division on the 20th August last, and as he has left no Issue I request your Sanction to Continue the 10 per Cent Commission to his Brother Teroovengada Goolapa Naicken. –

Madura
26th October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No 524

To
The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that the Promissary notes in lieu of the 2 acknowledgements for Sicca Rupees 11600 and 11900. Submitted with Mr Blackburne's letters dated 10th June 1834, and 8th April 1835 have not yet been received, I therefore request that you will do me the favor of obtaining them in favor of the Princl. Collector of this District for the time being, together with an Order for the Interest that has accrued since the date of the acknowledgements.—

Madura
25 October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No 142

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation dated 19th September last forwarded with Extract from your Proceedings of the 22d of the same Month, I have the honor to state, that finding the Expence of Erecting the Bungalow No 1 with Palmira Beams would be Rupees 513. 15. 6 and the Building No 2 Rupees 594. 10. . I directed another Estimate to be made the Materials for the buildings to be Cocoanut trees (there being no Jungle wood and leaves with Mud Walls, the Cost for No 1 will be Rupees 152 and for No 2 Rupees 137 and as the Buildings cannot be constructed for a less sum I request to be favored with your instructions and sanction for disbursing the amount, should the

Estimate

Estimates be approved of. –

Madura }
26th October 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 525

To
The Acting Sub Collector
Madura

Sir

English Acts
No. XVIII to XXII
Index to the Acts
of 1834. 35
Mahratta IX
of 1816. –

I have the honor to forward for the use of your Office One printed Copy of each of the Acts and Index as noted in the Margin. –

Madura }
27th October 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 24

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

English Acts
No. XVIII to XXII
Index to the
Acts of 1834. 35
Mahratta IX
of 1836. –

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 printed Copies of each of the Acts and Index noted on the Margin forwarded with your letter of the 21st Instant. –

Madura }
27th October 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

(Triplicate)

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I. consisting 1 Naigue and 6 privates marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition on the 21st October 1836 in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27 and were at liberty to return the next day. –

Madura }
28 Octr. 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collector
in Charge

No. 526

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Authenti-cated copy of the documents required in Appeal Suit No. 83 of 1835 pending before the Register on the Stampt paper forwarded with your letter of the 27th instant. –

Madura 29th October 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 527

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th instant requiring Authenticated Copies of documents in Suit No. 2 of 1835 pending before the District Moonsiff of Teroopparencoondum, I have the honor to forward a Tamil Memo: stating reasons why they have not been furnished

The four Stampt papers are herewith returned. –

Madura 29th Octr. 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 528

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Authenti-cated Copy of the documents required by Plaintiff in Suit No. 250 of 1836 of the file of the District Moonsiff of

Paramagoody

Paramagoody and the Stampt paper forwarded with your letter of the 27th instant.—

Madura }
29th Oct. 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 529

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th instant, I have the honor to inform you, that a duty of 8 per Cent is invariably levied on Cotton Piece Goods and Sugar Exported from the sea ports of Madura, to other Parts of the Madras Presidency - the Statements of the Merchants who Petitioned the Board of Revenue are incorrect.—

Madura }
29th Oct. 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 530

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. W. Williams Assistant Revenue Surveyor 4th Division at 10 days Sight for the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred & Forty one and Annas Four being the amount of his Salary &ca. for September 1836 which sum will be credited to you under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.—

Madura }
29th Oct. 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 531 ~~223~~ 441

To

The Post Master General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Acting 3d Assistant Accountant General dated the 25 instant together with a Memo: from this Office, and request your instructions for adjusting the sums therein Mentioned. -

Madura 29th Octr. 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Acty Sub Collr in charge

No. 531

To

Mr. Williams

Asst. Revenue Surveyor
4 Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I herewith enclose you a Bill on the Princl. Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Company's Rupees 141. 4 - being your Salary &ca for September 1836. -

Madura 29th Octr. 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Acty Sub Collr in Charge

Exchange for Company's Rupees . . 141. 4 - . .

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

At ten days Sight please to pay to Mr. M. Williams Assistant Revenue Surveyor 4 Division or his order the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Forty one and Annas four, being the Amount of his Salary &ca for September 1836. which sum will be credited to you

under

under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collrs

Madura
29th Octr 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in charge

No 532

To
The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, requiring an Authenticated Copy of a document in O.S. No 91 of 1836. I have the honor to forward for your information a Tamil Memo: and its inclosures.-

The stampt paper is herewith returned

Madura
29th Octr 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No 143.

To
The President and Members
of the Bd of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Accountant General dated 24 instant and to state that the sum of Rupees 203.12. therein mentioned was Collected from the sale of the property of the Betel renter of Sholavundan for fusly 1238. and credited to Government. but as the amount in question was refunded in May 1834 according to the Decision passed by the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal No 7 of 1832 on the sanction of Government under date 8 of the same Month, I request that the leave of Government may be obtained for writing off the amount from the accounts. as the renter is insolvent.-

Madura
31st Octr 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson

No. 44 229 443

To

The President and Members

of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 52 Copies of Printed Forms of Demand Collection and Balance forwarded by Cooly with your letter of the 26th Ultimo.

(Signed) R. Davidson

Madura }
31st Octr. 1836. }

Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 533

To

The Register to the Court

of Sudr. Udalut

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the printed Copy of part I of Volume II of the Circular Orders of the Sudr Udalut, forwarded with your letter of the 28th instant.

(Signed) R. Davidson

Madura }
31st Octr. 1836. }

Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 534

To

The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) R. Davidson

Madura }
31st October }
1836. }

Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

No. 535

To The Acting Civil Engineer

1st Division

Sir

I have the honor to annex Extract of a letter from the Acting Head Asst. Accountant General together with Extract of one from the Military Auditor General containing remarks on the allowances of Civil Engineers, charged in my Accounts, and to request you will be good enough to make the necessary refund, or furnish me with a satisfactory reply to the objection, if any to offer, for transmission to the Accountant General.—

Madura }
1st November 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

No. 536.

To The Acting Civil Engineer

1st Division

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 1st instant, and your reply of the 2nd, I have the honor to forward an Extract of one from the Acting Head Assistant Accountant General, and request you will be good enough to obtain the special sanction of Government to enable you to draw the allowances objected to by the Military Auditor General.—

Madura }
3rd Novr. 1836. }

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

No. 537

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Acting Head Assistant's letter of the 29 Ultimo, and

to

to inform you that the Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General, dated 26th of last Month, therein alluded to, was not annexed.—

I beg to forward 3 Bills of Lieutenant S. Best, late Acting Civil Engineer, as requested in the letter under reply.—

Madura 3d Novr 1836.—

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No 538

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th May 1834, I have the honor to forward Copies of two addresses and Enclosure from the Ameen of Ramaswaram Pagoda for your information and to request that you will be good enough to issue such Orders as may appear to you to be necessary to prevent any further dispute.—

Madura 3d Novr 1836.—

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No 25

To The Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

The Zemindar of Sheragunga, in an address of the 31st Ultimo, requests to be furnished with one Copy of the Tamil printed Regulations from the Year 1802, which I have the honor to request you will be good enough to send him with a Bill of costs.—

Madura 3d Novr 1836.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg Sub Collr in Charge

No. 25 Exchange for Company's Rupees 800 - -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Eight hundred, to be paid at Madras I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to H. Dickinson Esqre but not to his order as per advice from -

Madura } (Signed) R. Davidson
3d Nov. 1836. } Asst. Sub Collr. in charge

No. 26 Exchange for Company's Rupees 350 - -

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas William Goodwyn Esqre Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and fifty, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from -

Madura } (Signed) R. Davidson
4th November } Asst. Sub Collr. in charge
1836. }

No. 539.

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To

The Acting Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Extra Commission prepared in Conformity to your instructions of the 25th Ultimo.

(Sd.) R. Davidson

Acting Sub Collr. in Charge.

Madura

5 November

1831.

No. 27 Exchange for Company's Rupees 1200 - - -

To, The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre., Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Compy's Rupees One thousand and Two hundred, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date, not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their Order, as per advice from -

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in charge

Madura
1st Nov. 1830 -

No. 540

To
The Post Master General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Circular of the 6 Ultimo, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day paid from my Treasury Company's Rupees (65. 6. 7.) Sixty five, Annas six, and pice seven, being the Surplus Charges of the Post Office Department in Excess of the Collections for the Month of November 1830.

(Signed) R. Davidson
Actg. Sub Collr. in Charge

Madura
5 November
1830.

To

No. 540

To The Civil Auditor

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in taking advantage of the 20 days leave of absence granted me on the 27 September 1836, I quitted this district on the 15 Ulto. and reentered it yesterday. –

Madras 8 Nov. 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 541

To The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week. –

Madura 9th Novr. 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 145

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen

My return to Madura having been interrupted by the high wind of the 30th Ulto. and having been detained by want of bearers at Pondicherry one day, I have the honor to request you will obtain me an extension of my leave of the 27th September 1836, from 20 to 23 days. It

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is the only leave I have taken advantage of during the year.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
8th Nov. 1836. } Princl. Collector

No. 146

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

In answer to your Circular of the 3d instant, received this morning, I have the honor to inform you the Poppy is no where cultivated in this district, but I have demi official information from Doctor Wight, showing his conviction that it might be raised to any extent on the Pulney hills.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
9 Nov. 1836. } Princl. Collector

No. 542

To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
in the Department of
Public Works
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Accountant General and request you will be pleased to obtain the special sanction of Government to enable the late Acting Civil Engineers Lieut. Best & Captain Faber to answer the retrenchment made against them by the Military Auditor General.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura } Princl. Collector
9 Nov. 1836. }

Received from the Paymaster of Fort St George a Statement shewing the amount paid in the Treasury on account of Civil Salary and Regimental allowances of Lieut. F. C. Cotton, and J. Shaw, Civil Engineer of this District for September 1836.—

Madura }
9th Nov. 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburn
Princl. Collector

No. 14

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1\. Since the receipt of your letter of the 14th July to my address, and copy of the one you sent the Civil Engineer under date the 11th of the same month, that gentleman has himself surveyed and submitted his report on the proposed modified route, from Madura to Tondi.—

2\. It runs principally thro' the Shevagunga Zemindary, and in a small portion thro' Ramnad. The Zemindar of the latter has procured and furnished me with satisfactory assurances of the permission necessary from the owner of land in his portion:— The Shevagunga Zemindar is too unequal to business to do more than generally assure me he will have no objection to the new route, if it does not injure him; and to my call on the 7th Ultimo, for a specific answer, I have yet no reply. But as the work should be commenced in the end of December, or beginning of January, and as proper superintending servants have to be sought and secured after sanction is received, I hope you will not think it necessary to await my negociation

with

with the Shevagunga Zemindar, but procure the sanction in my own assurance not to tresspass on individual rights in executing the work. I will as an additional inducement urge the probability that it will be a measure highly judicious, if only to find employment for the people in a season of apprehended scarcity.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ<sup>l</sup>. Collector

Madura
10 Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1836.

No. 140

To
The President and Members
of the B<sup>d</sup>. of Revenue
Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the Wastage in the sale of Salt from August to September and request your Board will obtain Sanction for writing off from the accounts 2 Garces and 290 Mercals, Monopoly price Rupees 286. 2 ..—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ<sup>l</sup>. Collector

Madura
10<sup>th</sup>. Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1836.

No. 573

To
The Accountant General
Fort S<sup>t</sup>. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Receipts No. 526 and 735 for Rupees 11,600 + 11,900, as desired in your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ<sup>l</sup>. Collector

Madura
11 November
1836.

No. 49.

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1. In reply to your letter of the 31st Ultimo received on the 5th Instant, I have the honor to forward Statement of all sums disbursed from the pagoda funds, during last fasly, at my own discretion. —

2. The largest item is one of Rupees 562. 5. 3
2d January for repair of a Muntapum of one of the pagodas. In 1803 an annual disbursement of Rupees 260 on this account was sanctioned by Government, and the disbursement made by me was from the accumulated surplus. This is the practice followed by all my predecessors, and all similar disbursements made by me have been from similar sanctioned accumulations. —

3. If disbursements were required exceeding the surplus accumulation; or, if disbursements, amounting to Rupees 1000, altho' that sum be within the surplus accumulations, be required, or if a disbursement be required for an unusual or not strictly religious charge, however low it may be, it is customary to apply to your Board for sanction, and under this last consideration I applied for the disbursement of 5 Rupees a month to the master of the school held within the walls of the pagoda. —

Madura
11th November
1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Tr.

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Rupees 2, being the price of four Fort St George Gazettes lost by Mr Jesper and forwarded to this treasury with his letter of this days date.

Madura
11 Nov 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 515

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of Public Works
Fort St George.

Sir

I have the honor to forward transcript of 7th Nov 1836. a letter from the Acting Civil Engineer recommending an increase of Salary to the Maramut Superintendent of this district. If it meets the Board's pleasure, I shall be very glad if they recommend sanction to the amount proposed by the Civil Engineer, because I am of opinion good & honest Servants can only be secured by liberal payments. When, however, I consider that similar Officers in Trichinopoly and Tanjore are only paid at the rates of 15 and 30 pagodas respectively, I should hardly have asked for the doubling of the pay of the Superintendent in Madura, except in forwarding the opinion of an officer whose particular duty must have led him to consider carefully the advantages of the increase recommended.

Madura
11 Nov 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 544

To The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir

1. On the 1st Ulto I had the honor to inform you the document required by your Register, as called for in your letter of that date, was not forthcoming in my Office. May

I request you will inform me of the circumstances under which you again call for it, as if I had paid no attention to your requisition? .-

2. With reference to the 2nd para of your letter of yesterday's date, I beg leave to remind you you made four communications to me on the 1st instant requiring copies of 40 Sheets of documents. I am sorry I have not yet been able to forward them to you. I will use all diligence in their transmission.

Madura
12th Nov. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Principal Collr.

No. 26.

To The Secretary to Government
Political Depmt.
Fort St. George.

Sir

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25 Ultimo with copy of one from the Colonial Secy. at Columbo of the 11th of the same month, and original petition ( herewith returned ) of Venkatasawmy Naick claiming a share in the pension of 40 pagodas, renewed to Soobasawmy Rajah, eldest son of his paternal uncle, Ungatsawmy Rajah, who enjoyed the original pension of 50 pagodas a Month.-

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...ief Secy. to Collr.
...th June. 1831.

...d. Govt. to Collr.
...1 Jany. 1815.

...st Septr. 1829.

2. In recommending renewal of pension to Soobasawmy Rajah, the late Principal Collector submitted a list of Dependents and servants to the Number of 85 persons and in that list petitioner's name is mentioned, in the second class of dependents under No. 14.- and by copy of a will recorded in this Office, [illegible] legally admitted ( passed by Ungutsawmy Rajah on the 27th July 1828, the number of dependents and servants is shown to be 22 persons, and amongst them he bequeaths to petitioner, out of his pension of

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50 pagodas, 5 rupees a month. -

3. It would seem that up to the period of petitioner's father's death in 1828, he had been in the habit of receiving 7 Rupees a month; and from that period to the death of Umgulsawmy Rajah, on the 30th June 1829, petitioner was maintained by the Pensioner without a fixed sum being given him. - On the death of Umgulsawmy, Petitioner seems to have received 5 rupees a month, in conformity with the wishes indicated in the will. - but on the intimation of the reduction from 50, to 42 pagodas a month, Soobah-sawmy Rajah refused to pay more than 4 Rupees a month. -

4. Considering the allowances formerly received by petitioner's father; the intimated wish of the late pensioner, and the list of dependents at the time of that intimation, the number of dependents at the period of the decease of the late pensioner, and the subsequent reduction of the pension, I cannot recommend a larger sum than five (5) rupees a month to the petitioner - for tho' quite unequal to maintain him in the class of life and respectability to which he is entitled it still seems His M. Govt. in Ceylon do not conceive it incumbent upon them to give a higher rate of pension and it surely cannot be expected that pensions should be increased in proportion to an increasing family, and as petitioner's pension was reduced more than 1/5 at the death of his father, I do not think he should be subjected to a new reduction in consequence of the reduction of the present pension.

5. I am sorry the Ceylon Govt. have been troubled with this petition till the claimant had ascertained he could not obtain redress from me - but he seems to have petitioned the Ceylon Govt. and myself at the same moment, and my delay in giving my opinion on his claim was owing to the absence of Soobasawmy Rajah sick in Tanjore

and

and the necessity to conduct my enquiry thro' his half-authorized procrastinating Vakeel, and by the aid of the Magistrate of Tanjore. —

Madura
13th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr. & Magte.

No. 546

To
The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George.

Sir,

At Mr. Lockhart's verbal request I beg leave to ask you how he is to draw pay at present, since you have prohibited my giving him any more from this treasury.

Madura
14th Novr. 1836.

(Sgd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 547

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accnt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 21 September, I have the honor to forward copy of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 25 Ultimo, granting authority for writing off the Accounts the balance of Rupees 934 1 . against the Maunbarray Zemindary for Fusly 1245 —

Madura
14th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 548

To
The Acting Sub Collector
of Madura

Sir,

In forwarding the Inclosed extract of a report of mine on the subject of Nattamai meerassees and the only remark it elicited from the Board of Revenue, with a view to secure a similarity of action in this district, I beg leave expressly not to wish to guide

guide you contrary to your own judgement, but to shew the general view State of the matter and my usual course of decision in such cases.—

Madura
14th Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collector

No. 549

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in Appeal Suit No. 83 of 1835 pending before the Register on the 8 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 17th Ultimo.—

Madura
14th Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collector

No. 550

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in O.S. No. 117 of 1835, on 8 of the 14 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of 2nd instant, the remaining 6 Stampt papers are herewith returned not being required.—

Madura
14th Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collector

No. 557

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required by the Plaintiffs in Suit No. 2 of 1835 on 5 Stampt papers, 4 of which were forwarded with your

your letter of the 1st instant, and one furnished by the Plaintiffs as detailed in the Accompanying Tamil Memo. —

Madras
14th Nov. 1831.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 552.

To

The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Captain Faber, the late Acting Civil Engineer of this division, having, under peculiar Circumstances of his quitting the district, requested me to grant him a Bill on you for Rupees 188 . . being the full of his allowances for the present Month payable from this treasury, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day Complied with his request by granting him a bill for that amount in favor of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. and I trust you will not disapprove of my deviation from the strict line of instructions in this instance. —

Madras
14th Nov. 1831.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 28 Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . 188 . . —

To

The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Captain Charles Edward Faber, late Acting Civil Engineer, 4 Division, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Eighty eight, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order as per advice from —

Madras
14th Nov. 1831.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

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No. 29 Exchange for Companys Rupees . . . 919. 8. 0.

To,

The Accountant General

Fort St George.

Sir

Having received from Robert Davidson Esqre. Acting Sub Collector of Madura the sum of Compys Rupees Nine hundred and Nineteen Annas Eight and pice &c, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to J. A. Davidson Esqre. Civil Service, but not to his order as per advice from -

Madura 14th. Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

This is to Certify that Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer of the 4th. Division has received his Civil Salary and Tentage up to the 12th instant and to no later period from this Treasury. -

To Captain Faber
Madras.

Madura 14th. Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 150

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Gentlemen

By Sections III and IV of Regulation VI of 1831 Collectors, are empowered to take cognizance of all claims to the possession of, or succession to, hereditary village or other officers in the revenue or police departments, or to the enjoyment of any of the Emoluments annexed thereto: - whilst Section VIII of the same regulation provides that nothing contained in it shall in any way affect the provisions for the Office of Curnum in districts permanently settled, as shewn in Regulation XXIX of 1802. -

Now

Now it seems to me that by this last regulation every state office with exception of Curnom was abolished and this single office was left under the authority of the Courts -

By section IV Regulation XI of 1816, every head of village was made ex-officio head of police and if the Regulation was not meant to be confined to districts not settled as there seems no ground to believe the heads of villages known in the settled districts of this Collectorate by the title of Amblagars became de-facto state officers and their Maniums which had been fixed prior to 1802 had never been resumed by any Zemindar tho' they were subject to great irregularities in the way of purchase and sale as were also other hereditary village offices of minor grade.

Regⁿ. 29 1802 The rule is clear that a Collector shall have no interference in Curnomships in settled districts and it seems equally clear

Regⁿ. 6 1831 - that he shall have authority in every other species of hereditary village office, without consideration whether the office be in a settled or unsettled district. but as I can see no reason why the one should be made subject to the Court and the second to the Collector both being similarly paid and both being similarly established. I trust your Board will excuse my troubling you to give me your opinion on the subject for my future guidance. -

2\. I would also beg for the instruction of your Board if the hereditary offices of Hindu and Mussulman religious institutions come under the provisions of Regulation VI of 1831, for tho' it is no where expressly so stated, it would appear, from analogy, they should be subject to the same rules as other hereditary offices and if your opinion shews that Amblams do not come

under

under the provisions of the above Regulation, but that religious hereditary offices do, I would beg to know if you make any distinction between hereditary religious offices in a settled and unsettled District.–

Madura }
15 November 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 553.

To, The Principal Collector
of
Coimbatore.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. E. F. Thompson Assistant Judge of your District for the Amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his salary for October 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and Credit on his account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".–

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|---|---|
| Salary for October 1836 | 400 |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6 per Cent. | 84 |
| Rupees | 316 |

Madura }
15th Novr. 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 554

To, The Assistant Surgeon
in Charge of the Zillah
of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Ameen of Tripatoor Talook in the Sheragungah Zemindary reports in his address of the 9th instant, that the services of the Vaccinator sent there are no longer required, and he may be recalled whenever you may think proper.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura }
15th November }
1836 }

No. 555

To The Collector

of Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of Mr. R. Davidson, Head Assistant Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary, House Rent, and Tent allowance for October 1836 which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit on his account, to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

Salary for Octr. 1836 . 525 - -
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 1/4 p. cent . . . 32 . 13 -
492 . 3 -
House rent for do. . . . 35 - -
Tent allowance 42 - -
Rups. 569 . 3 -

Madura
15 November 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 556

To The Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the proprietor of the Masaya Pundara Kutteay of the Meenatchee Pagoda, and will feel obliged by your remitting to me the Amount Collections that have been made on that account in fusly 1245.

Madura
15 Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 557

To The Principal Collector

of Salem

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of C. Bannerman Esqr. at ten days after Sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees Five Annas Six and pice Four being the amount paid into this Treasury by C. P. Thompson Esqr., Acting Zillah Judge of Madura which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura
15 Nov. 1836.

(Sgd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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Exchange for Company's Rupees . . . . . 5. 6. 4.

To The Principal Collector

of Salem

Sir

At ten days sight please to pay to C. Bannerman Esqre. or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Five, annas six, and pice four, being the amount refunded on account of advances made to the Court Servants when he was Judge here, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura }
15 Novr. 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 157

To The President and Members

of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward a Statement of land recommended to be granted to service Enamdars in lieu of other, now unfit for Cultivation, and request the sanction of your Board for granting the same.

Madura }
16th Novr. 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 558

To Captain C. E. Faber

late Acting Civil Engineer

4th Division

Sir

I have the honor to annex Copy Extract of a letter from the Military Auditor General to the Accountant General, and request you will be good enough to refund the Amount therein objected to viz. Rupees 4 . . . . . .

Madura }
16 November }
1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 559

To The Acting Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required by Plaintiff in O. S. No. 233 of 1835, pending before the Pundit Sudr Ameen, on 11 of the 12 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 1st Instt. The other One Stampt paper, not being required is herewith returned.—

Madura
16th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 560

To The Superintendent of the Governt. Lottery
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th Ulto. I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid together with the Tickets in the 1st Class of the 57 Government Lottery.—

Madura
16th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 561

To The Collector of Ramnad.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Godwyn Esqre. Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary and House Rent for Octr. 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw & Credit on his account, to the Civil fund & request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors.—

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| [Sal]ary for [Oct]r 1836 | 525 - - |
| Deduct [Civi]l fund @ [..] per Cent | 32 13 - |
| | 492 3 - |
| House Rent for Do. | 35 - - |
| Rupt. | 527 3 - |

Madura
17th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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Received from the Acting Paymaster South^n. Division Trichinopoly a Draft in duplicate for Rupees 33-10-/ dated 15 November 1836, being pay in arrears for October 1836. for Native Pensioners attached to Pulhe Piringalows. —

Madura 17^th Nov^r. 1836. } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princ^l. Collector.

No. 562.

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 1^st instant requiring Authenticated Copies of documents on behalf of the Defendant in O.S. 108 of 1834 of the file of your Court, I have the honor to forward for your information the accompanying Tamil Memo: and to return the 10 Stampt papers which accompanied your letter. —

Madura 17^th Nov^r. 1836. } (Sig^d) J. Blackburne Princ^l. Coll^r.

No. 563

To The Accountant General Fort S^t George

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to substitute the accompanying receipts of M^r. W. Clarke in lieu of those transmitted from this Office on the 24^th Ultimo. —

Madura 17^th Nov^r. 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princ^l. Coll^r.

No. 564

To The Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Zillah of Madura

Sir

The Tahsildar of Maundacolum reports, in his address of the 16^th instant that the inhabitants of Sholavandan

Sholaivindan and Valyapully, where small pox is greatly prevalent are desirous a Vaccinator should be sent there, I have therefore the honor to request you will be good enough to direct the one relieved at Tripatoor, or some other, to proceed thither without delay.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
18th Nov. 1830. } Princl. Collr.

No. 152

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In further Explanation agreeably to the orders of Government of Item No. 2 on the Estimate of Extra Charges proposed to be incurred in Fusly 1240, I have the honor to forward the accompanying translate of Short Abstracts of Correspondence with the Salt Amuldar of this District, and to state that every Consideration as to their real unserviceable state induced me to recommend New Mercals, a recommendation which I trust will still receive the sanction of Government.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
18th Nov. 1830. } Princl. Collr.

Abstract of Addresses from the Salt Amuldar, and Orders sent on requ[est] of Brass Mercals for the use of the Salt pans.

[Sep]tember [18]30 } Requesting 50 Mercals in lieu of those unfit for use.

D: Desiring him to recollect when the Mercals were made, & report the Cause of their becoming unfit for use within so short a time, how many are unfit for use in each Salt pan, and to forward an Estimate of their Cost.

Tho'

17th Octr. 1835. Though not long since they were made, from frequent use the bottoms have been worn out and the Mercals otherwise injured. The Estimate for 50 Mercals is Rupees 625.—

26th Do. Informing him that the Mercals in Tanjore last 4 or 5 years and directing him to Enquire of the Salt Sumperdies how the Mercals in this district only could be injured within One year.

13th Novr. 1835. In the Tanjore District the sales of One pan are Completed within 2 or 3 Months, and the Mercals kept out of use until the sales of another pan are commenced - in this district the sales Continue throughout the 12 Months.—

21st Novr. Directing a report if the Mercals are usually washed after Measuring the Salt; how long the Brass Mercals made at a large Expence will last; if made of wood, how long will they last, and what will be their Cost.—

25 Do. The Cost of a Brass Mercal is Rupees 12½ one of Wood Rs. 7.12.9. the former will last for 2 or 3 years, and the latter, with Constant repair, will not last more than one year.—

4th Decr. Informing him that Brass Mercals, in lieu of the 35 injured ones, will be prepared in July 1836 - and directing him to use at each of the Salt pans, 3 good and 2 of the injured Mercals.

15th July 1836. As the bottoms and sides of the Mercals are greatly injured difficulty is Experienced in Measuring Salt, & requesting to be supplied with 50 Mercals.—

19th Do. Informing him that the Mercals now in use Can be Continued for the present year, and desiring him to send an Estimate of the Cost for repairing the injured ones.—

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28th July 1836 Forwarding an Estimate for Rupees 21. 14 for repairing 35 injured Mercals -

30th Do. Directing him to repair for the present 32 Mercals at a Cost of 20 Rupees. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

The Honorable Company
Dr.

To hire for two Bullocks and drivers to convey Rupees 9102 11. 1 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill, No. 546 dated 11 November 1836 - Rs. 2 - -

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 18th Novr. 1836.

To the Paymaster
Southn. Dvn.
Trichinopoly

Recd. the amount Vizt. Rupees two -
(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 566

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Depmt.
of the Acct. Genl. Office
Fort St. George.

Sir

With reference to your letter bearing date 8th April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as described in the accompanying list. -

Madura 18th Novr. 1836 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 153

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to State that there

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are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements

Goods Confiscated

Salt Confiscated

Return of persons Charged with Offences under Regulation IX of 1822.

Report of Persons Suspended and Dismissed in Conformity to Section VII Regulation VI of 1831.

Madura 19th Nov. 1836. (Sig.) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 154

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to request that the Accompanying Proclamation may be published in the Office of the Board of Revenue, after you have fixed such date as you think proper.

Madura 19th Nov. 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 567.

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in O. S. No. 108 of 1834 of the file of your Court, on 13 of the 14 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 1st instant. The remaining One Stampt paper not being required, is herewith returned, as detailed in the Accompanying Tamil Memo.

Madura 19th Nov. 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 155

To
The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In further Explanation to your letter of the 14th instant, I have the honor to state that when Dhonies Came from Manar to this district it is usual for the owners to bring a Rowanah or a Portclearance shewing that there are no Goods. In the present Case the owner of the Dhony brought only a Portclearance from Manar Certifying "no Goods Exported" but on Examining the Dhoney when it came a Shore, the Goods recommended in the Statement for Confiscation were found & seized as Clandestine -

With regard to the salt purchased at Manacoody, the Merchant had an Excess of 9 loads over the 8 entered in his Rowanah and as he could not give a satisfactory Account of the Excess quantity which was proved on a Subsequent Examination made at this Office to have been clandestinely purchased from Salt ryots, was accordingly seized & recommended for Confiscation -

I trust the above Explanation will be found sufficient to enable your Board to pass orders on the Subject -

Madura
21st Novr. 1836

(Sig.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 518

To
W. E. Lockhart Esqre.
Cuddalore

Sir,

The Board in Sanctioning the Extra Tent allowance for July 1245, have from the Number of 123 days

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drawn by you declined to sanction for 18 days passed at Madura—
I therefore request you will be pleased to refund Rupees 94 & Annas
8 being for 18 days at 5¼ Rupees per diem.—

Madura }
21st Nov. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 569

To
The Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in A. S. No. 92 of 1835 on One of the 2 Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 19 instant. The other stampt paper, not being required, is herewith returned, as detailed in the accompanying Tamil Memo.—

Madura }
21st Nov. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 15

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 In answer to your Circular of the 14 received on the 19th I beg leave to inform you the general cultivation up to the 30 Ultimo, was about 93284 Rupees below that of the corresponding period of last year.

Nunjeh 53806
Punjeh 39478

2. Since Mr. Davidson's report of the 24th Ulto. slight rain has fallen in many places, and at many times; but nowhere heavy or for long continuance. In some places in Nuttam there has been no rain at all & the dry grains have been entirely lost. The season is so far advanced that there is every reason to believe the whole dry cultivation will not give an average half crop.—

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3 The Nunjih crops are still healthy from the rain that has fallen; but besides the backward cultivation the tanks, dependent on rain alone, equally with those dependent on rivers, are without supplies -

4. It is not too late for rain to fall abundantly - it is not too late to hope for freshes in the rivers - but in the present state of uncertainty I can form no estimate of what will be the probable result of the rice Crops -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madras
21st Novr. 1836.

No. 27

To
The Secretary to Government
in the Public Depart.
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25 August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit 2 Bills on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees 24, paid by Mr. James Henry Hogg Assistant Revenue Surveyor 4th Division, and Armajee Row Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutchery of Madras, for another quarter on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madras
22d Novr. 1836.

No. 579

To
The Superintendent
of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 15 Ultimo,

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I have the honor to annex a Register of 64 Tickets renewed in the 2d Class of the 59 Government Lottery, amounting to Company's Rupees 4480 — ; for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith Enclosed.

Madura }
22d Novr 1836 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 30 Exchange for Company's Rupees. 4480 — —

To The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr John Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Compy's Rupees Four thousand four hundred and Eighty, being the Amount Sales of 64 Tickets in the 2d Class of the 59th Government Lottery, to be paid at Madras I request you will at Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government Bank but not to his order as per advice from

Madura }
22d Novr 1836. }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 31 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 — —

To The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from James Henry Hogg, Assistant Revd Surveyor 4 Division the sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount in advance on account of Subscription to the Fort St George Gazette for another quarter, to be paid at Madras I request you will at Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secy. to Govt. in the Public Department but not to his order, as per advice from —

(Sigd) J. Blackburne

Madura

No 32 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3

To The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir

Having received from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutchery of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees Three being the amount in advance on account of Subscription to the Fort St George Gazette for another quarter, to be paid at Madras I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secy to Government in the Public Department but not to his Order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
22d Novr 1836 —

Received into the Hon'ble Company's Treasury from Mr James Henry Hogg Assistant Revenue Surveyor 4th Division, the sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three on account of Subscription for another quarter to the Fort St George Gazette.

Madura
22d Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Princl Collrs Cutchery of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees Three (3) on account of Subscription to the Fort St George Gazette —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
22d Novr 1836.

No. 571

To
The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of this day's date, I have the honor to inform you that the Memo: therein alluded to, (tho' mentioned in my letter to be sent) was Omitted as unnecessary, as there was only one document to be forwarded. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
23d. Novr. 1836

No. 157

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1 On the 8th Instant, I had the honor to receive the Extract from your Proceedings of the 24 Ultimo, on the Settlement of this district for fusly 1245.

2. Your Board point out a contradiction between my report, and a remark appended to one of the De-maund &ca. statements. The first attributes the short Nunja produce to want of seasonable rains; the latter, to the brackishness of the soil and baneful prevalence of north east winds; and observe my neglect to explain the cause of this brackishness: Unless thus especially called upon I should have avoided troubling your Board with my crude opinion on the latter subject. Impoverished Nunjah land, containing Alkali if well supplied with water, will still produce good crops; but in a scarcity of it, when dried up by the north east winds, the brackishness of the earth is not subdued, and the crop withers when

See paras 1 3 & 10.

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half grain. The same causes (I know not with what truth) are said to produce similar effects on low water, in tanks nearly dry, and even some times in the water found in digging the beds of rivers. - It is probable the same land would be ploughed again the following year, and if the season was favorable its deficient produce would scarcely be noticed, amidst the luxuriance of the surrounding plant. - the artificial remedy, little practised in this district, is to leave it waste for a couple of years, ploughing into it branches of the milk hedge or Varagoo Straw. - If the above be correct I trust your Board will be of opinion that there does not exist a discrepancy between my report, and the remark in the Demand &ca Statement. -

In a district where money rents prevail where the Govt. Share is no where paid in kind, and where arbitrary inquisition is not practised, the only grounds to form a general estimate of crops are on the reports of Tehsildars, conversation with Ryots and village officers, the observations of grain merchants (price was neutralized last year as a test by the influx of rice from the adjoining prosperous districts) and from personal observation. - and that your Board may not want a special motive for my observation, if you think my ordinary duty insufficient to have led me to it, I will call to your recollection the minute investigation I gave to the fifty two Villages, regarding the reduced tax on which I had the honor to address you on the 29th August last. If my judgement that the Punjab crops did not yield above half produce was incorrect,

I am sorry for it; even since the communication of your Board's doubts of its correctness, I have learned nothing to change my opinion of it –

3 Your Board have corrected the inaccurate comparison submitted to you of the cultivation between fusly 1236 and 1245. If my abstract was inaccurate for purposes of nice comparison, I deemed it quite sufficient to give a general idea of the increased prosperity of the country. and I deemed your Board would have been better pleased with this outline, accurate in point of fact than that I should have swelled my report by going thro' a variety of detail, on a matter requiring no order or consideration. I was sure your Board would not suppose I meant to draw any unfair deduction. But since accuracy is deemed requisite it will be proper to add to your Board's reductions from the Cultivation of unalienated lands in fusly 1245 the Inam village of Yelliarpetty, and the Shrotriem village of Mullypady, to the extent of Cawnies 510. The net increase of cultivation in 1245 over 1236 will thus be reduced to Cawnies 5809¾. I am sorry I overlooked the necessity for this precision.

4 Your Board animadvert on my deviation from the principles of the last years settlement, because in this year, for the first time, appears the entry of Goonchy Ryots; you call for an explanation of these Goonchy Ryots, as also of the cooly Ryots, entered in the Sub-Collector's report. – and remarking on the great increase of the agricultural population between fusly 1236 & 1245, require an explanation of the increase & decrease of the Ryots since 1241. The accompanying statement, No. 1, will shew the increase of these Ryots to have been after the first falling off, subsequent to the good year of 1236, gradual – not sudden; and that the increase has been more rapid since fusly 1243; which is attributable 1st to the

see statement No. 1 –

improvement

improvement of season inducing various classes of artificers to seek to advance their means by undertaking agricultural labors, 2d, to the same cause operating the return of emigrants, & 3d to the circumstance of my last year giving pottahs to each indepen-dent holder of land, who had previously had the land entered in the name of the head of his family or original pottah holder, and who was then called a partner, altho' the pottahdar had no right of interference with him, or was expected to pay the kists for that portion. The Ponchy ryots are those who having a share in land, and who labor in its cultivation with-out their names being inserted in the pottahs of undivided property, have been newly introduced, with a view to fill up the heading of form, and give a more correct view of the agricultural population. They still hold no pottahs. When I first entered this Collectorate I was desirous of learn-ing the precise amount of the agricultural population, a return which was not to be found in the records, and a return which I have still been unable to obtain to my satisfaction for it still remains for me to ascertain the number of hired labourers and allodial slaves entered by the Sub Collector as Coolies for the Dindigul division, who are so employed in the portion of the district under my own management. As your Board have now undertaken the consideration of the subject, I shall be glad to be favored with your wishes as to entering in the account in question these labourers and slaves, who are paid variously in money, grain & clothing, or to enter only the numbers paying revenue to the state. The Non-resident ryots are composed principally of men of one village of this district cultivating a portion of land in another

to which he is induced by a variety of causes, with which your Board must be too well acquainted to require me now to enter into the detail; and 2dly to the influx of foreign Ryots from the country of Poodoocottah, and the Shevagunga Zemindarry into Stullam and Taudiecumboo, and of Tinnevelly Ryots into Aravaycoor and Woottumpolliam, in consequence of the comparatively favorable season, and the almost entire Suppression of forced labor. I am sorry I have it not in my power without assembling the Curnums to afford you a more full detail of the increase decrease of cultivating Ryots from Fusly 1241 to 45.

5. I hasten to supply my omission in not showing on the 3d para of my report, during what period the average price of paddy had fallen to so great an extent as 39 per cent. It is the average of six months from January to June, caused, as shewn in the para alluded to, by the introduction into the market of the abundant grains brought for sale. The prices from August to December are always high, the old grains purchased and preserved by dealers being then brought out for re-sale. In the same 3d para of your proceedings your Board remark the difficulty you have to reconcile my Statement of deficient Punjeh produce with the favorable State of the Season &c. I beg to remind you that I have no where reported the season to have been favorable to the rice grower.

6. Your Board remark my omission to explain "the falling off in the Beruz of Todikombo and Iyempolly notwithstanding an increase of Pottah Ryots." Your Board's figured Statement, from want of particular data will require some additional alteration; if the explanation offered in the last para be applied to the Potta Ryots of Todikombo, their increase wi

be reduced to 1626 instead of 9702; - and by deducting the rent of tank fish included in the land revenue of 1236 but carried to the head of extra revenue in 1240, the decrease of revenue will not exceed Rupees 1576 instead of Rupees 2395. And, further if it be called to mind the high assessment had, previous to 1236, bear so oppressive as to have induced Mr. Peter in that year to make a discretionary reduction of Rupees 6623 and that this reduction of tax was found so necessary as to have been so extended in 1237, that it amounted on the cultivation of 1245, to no less than Rupees 14743, the revenues of the year under report will by comparison be found somewhat higher than that of 1236. - and when your Board revert to the inaccuracy of my comparative increased cultivation statement, further explained in para: 3 of this report, I hope you will feel how much it would really have swelled my original report to have explained each of the minutiæ bearing upon the point.

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| Fuslies | Pottah Ryots of Boards example | Deduct partners & coolies | Pottah Ryots | Revenue as per Boards example | Deduct rent of Tank fish | Revenue |
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| 1236 | 6027 | | 6027 | R. 94152 | 819 | 93333 |
| 1245 | 15729 | 8076 | 7653 | 91757 | " | 91757 |
| Increase | " | " | 1626 | " | " | |
| Decrease | " | " | " | " | " | 1576 |

The example for the Talook of Iyempully must be similarly corrected by withdrawing from it the 3380 partners & coolies, reducing the increase of Pottah holders to 772 instead of 4152: And by withdrawing from the revenue of 1236 Rs. 435 on account of the rent of tank fish, and Rupees 4455

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for Ool Toorsee, and tax on pasture land, abandoned in Fusly 1237; thus reducing the decrease of revenue from Rupees 9641 to Rs 4771:- and this decrease is mostly attributable to the unfortunate measure, commenced in Fusly 1235 of raising the tax on all lands newly converted into garden (not those entered as such in Mr Thurdi's accounts) from 5. 8 & 10 f to 12 f and more. Between Fuslies 1236 & 45, no less than 570 Cawnees have been thus withdrawn from garden culture. -

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| Fuslies | Pottah ryots of Board's example | Deduct partners and Coolies | Pottah Ryots | Revenue as per Board's example | Deduct rent of Plants fish | Revenue |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1236 | 2990 | " | 2990 | Rs 95693 | 4890 | 90803 |
| 1245 | 7142 | 3380 | 3762 | 86032 | " | 86032 |
| Increase | " | " | 772 | " | " | " |
| Decrease | " | " | " | " | " | 4771 |

7 Your Board point out the probable inaccuracy of the remark in para: 8 of my report that the "Nattamgars and Cunums of Ediacottah hold no land inams" because the Sub Collector reports that in 6 out of 13 villages Inams are held. Here again when only asking your assent to a general line of action calling for no consideration of a particular nature, asking no sanction for alienation of lands, and expressly telling you I was preparing a report on the subject, could I have supposed your Board would have wished me to enter into detail on which I had not even formed my own judgement? - I regret very much the inaccuracy, and shall be only too happy in my future Statement to recommend unoccupied land fit

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for the plough, instead of waste, for such of the Curnums and Nattamgars of Cdiacottah as do not now possess land Shams 5 -

8\. The Curnums and Nattamgars of Cdiacottah who receive Commission, received it direct from the Govt. Officers and not thro' the Polligar, as your Board have been led to believe from the 9th para: of the Sub Collector's report. That para: is incorrect, but I am unable to say if it is in consequence of a hasty misreading, or an error of the transcriber. The gentlemen who drew it up is absent on leave. -

9\. I know not if your Board's remark on the small extent of newly granted Cowle, in proportion to the great extent of the general cultivation be meant in reproof. The fact seems to me to support the assertion I hazarded in the 16 para: of my report of the 25 August 1834 on the Settlement of Fusly 1243, that Punjah cowles are not requisite, nor desirable. -

10\. On the decease of the holders of Cowle lands, entered in Statement 9 & 10 that accompanied my report of the 2d August, I at the request of the heirs annulled the Cowles which they were unable to cultivate to the full extent, and that the Government might not be subject to all the loss, whilst they retained a portion of the gain, I with their full and reasonable consent, demanded the full tax on such part as they were willing to be answerable for. they were relieved from an oppressive obligation. the Government drew its full dues from the land occupied, and I trust your Board will find in this that I have acted in strict accordance with your wishes, as shewn in your endorsement of the 3 Decr. 1835 on Petition 907 of 1835 marked No. 3. In the other instance

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the Cowle holder for Punjah vitiated his contract by converting the land into Garden, when according to the established habits of the country it became at once liable to garden tax.—

11 The permanent special Cowle entered in Statement 9 that accompanied my report of the 2d August, was not, as your Board shew, newly granted in the present year. On the 17 May 1833 an acquiescence was given to the request, made on the 3 of the same month, by Sheikh Ooman, one of the disbanded Sepoys of Ramnad who were favored with special cowle lands, for the exchange of a small portion of his 12 Cawnies, which had become unfit for culture, and during the year under report he brought the portion of 1 4/6 Cawnies under cultivation.—

12 The Ryotwary balances at the end of the Fusly were only Rupees 2952, setting aside fractions; and by the end of August were reduced to Rupees 1775. The chief part of the remaining balance is due from 4 poor and turbulent villages in Melur - from the gross neglect of the Curnam & Nattamgar the state of the balances was misrepresented and disputed, but have been since adjusted, as I had the honor to report to you on the 21st September: the village officers were removed, and the Tahsildar suspended.— The balance at the end of last Month was reduced to 1077 Rupees, which can only be recovered by the sale of the defaulters land, for permission to put the whole up to a public sale, I addressed myself to you on the 19th Instant.—

13.— The Shevagungah balance has been recovered from the amount of Moturfa money, now repaid in arrear by Government to the Zemindar.—

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14 Prior to the receipt of your Proceedings I had called on the widow of the late Guntamanaiknoor Polligar to know if she was able to enter into any arrangements for resuming charge of the Zemindary, or if she were willing to make a formal surrender of it, on stipulation of a Commission of 10 per Cent on its collection; The Tahsildar has reported her sentiments on the subject. She fears that she could not fulfil any engagements she might enter into, because, if the Zemindary were restored to her care, she would be oppressed by creditors of her husband, claiming to the amount of 22000 Rupees. She equally fears to accept the 10 per Cent commission, which, if not given up to the creditors to her own entire destitution would expose her to civil suits & inevitable motions for her incarceration in the Zillah Jail. She trusts that if she be delivered of a male child, the estate will be taken under the management of the Court of Wards, and her own maintenance secured from the cultivation she carries on direct thro' her own servants, and which brings her in about Rs 300 a year. The average tax on the private cultivation for 5 years from Fusly 1241 to 1245 is Rupees 276 per annum.

The net revenue of the Zemindary during the same five fuslies was.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Fusly 1241 | 14632 | 12 | 7 |
| 1242 | 13631 | 15 | 7 |
| 1243 | 12830 | 9 | 11 |
| 1244 | 15333 | 10 | 4 |
| 1245 | 15634 | 2 | 8 |
| Total | 72063 | 3 | 1 |

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| Average | 14412 | 11 | 2 |
| Deduct 10 per Ct. commifs. | 1441 | 4 | 3 |
| Net amount available to Govern't. | 12971 | 5 | 11 |
| Annual Peshcush | 13414 | 13 | 3 |
| Annual loss to Gov't. if resumed on percentage commission | 443 | 7 | 4 |

Could the Pollum be maintained in the prosperity it has attained to in the two last fuslies, there will be no loss to Government in complying with my recommendation, a recommendation made in supposed obedience to the orders of Government issued on the 23d Feby 1815 and to the 11th & 13 paras: of your Board's proceedings of the 11th April 1816. Your Board are not wrong in your supposition that some of the Guntamaracknoor Ryots might have left the Pollum for the Coss talooks in 1242, but they have now all returned to their native Villages. The returns shew the Resident pottah holders as follows.

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| Fusly | 1241 | 1550 |
| | 1242 | 1468 |
| | 1243 | 1369 |
| | 1244 | 1527 |
| | 1245 | 1851 |

15. I am sorry your Board do not enter into my views of the advantages and propriety of reducing the tax on cocoanut trees: you are not averse to it, but you see objections in reducing to one uniform rate the money which must have been fixed in due consideration of soil position & propinquity of water, there would also follow an immediate loss to Government, and what seems to me your principal objection, is the no necessity "with reference

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to the apparent ease with which the general agricultural taxes are collected and the increase of agricultural population." The increase of agricultural population has been reduced to its proper standard in para: 4 of this report, and I entreat your Board not to be deceived because you have seen no difficulty in the realization of the revenue in a year of plenty, and let me call to your recollection the vast remissions in the single talook of Melur last year but one, when I neither did, nor could have levied the taxes. I am enabled to levy them only by an unremitting attention to that duty, and by proving to the people that whenever they have a tolerably fair ground either for complaint of over taxation, or for a liberal considera-tion I shall ever be ready to advocate their cause. Do you expect I shall find it easy to levy the taxes for the current fusly when to the best of my belief the punjah lands cultivated have not and cannot produce a half crop, and when the fate of the Punjah is so precarious? If the taxes really were so easy of collection why were so large balances often left? why were reductions of the original assessment so warmly press-ed and enforced, and is not the increasing agricultural popu-lation, the regularity and punctuality of the collections, the comparative paucity of complaints at the presidency a proof of the utility of the measures adopted by my predecessors? why then when another vexatious and unequal tax, trifling in the revenue it brings to Government, but of magnitude when it is recollected that its existence is depriving the district of so valuable a tree as the cocoanut, is brought to your notice, why should you hesitate to support a wish for its cessation? But your

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Board seem to think it was originally imposed with judgement and due reference to soil, position and water: my records justify no such conclusion; and the Statement I forwarded on the 2d August seems to me to warrant an opinion quite the reverse. I did not look out for a cause of complaint: wherever the tax existed, there it was complained of by the Ryots and the realization of it was reported by the talook authorities as attended with the greatest difficulty. I turned my attention to the subject & found that Madura (not including Dindigal) contained 6619 trees, of which 5452 pay at the rate of two cully fanams per tree; 373 at 1½ f.; 712 at 1 fm. and 72 alone are so low as ¾ f.; and are grown in the Coracoorchee division of Melur, a Maghanum formerly belonging to the Trichinopoly Collectorate and from which it was transferred to this. In the four talooks of the Sub Collector's Division in Dindigal only 57 trees pay at the rate of 3 f.; 87 at 2 f.; 1648 at 1½ 14 at 1¼ and 2118 at 1 fm.: thus the measure I recommend would but little affect the Sub Collector's division, as the object there is already half gained. I will venture, therefore, once more to press the measure on your notice, with only this modification that the rate of the trees now existing in Coracoorchee be not raised, but only those that may be planted in future be liable to the standard tax. Almost all other trees are liable to only one uniform tax: with regard to them there is no symptom of classification of soil or consideration of position and water, as a basis of taxation: why then should it be assumed, when the records are silent on that head, for the cocoanut alone?

16. I did not trust the copying of the survey accounts to Curnums and people waiting for employment, but had the

the business performed by calling one Gomastah from each of the talooks, who, at the expence of much time and labor, completed the Dindigul accounts, and are still employed on those of Madura - which, when finished will, like the Dindigul records, be carefully compared by the best servants of my own cacherry. - If you will procure me sanction for the

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entertainment of eight Gomastahs at a charge of 84 Rupees a month I think I may promise to furnish you with a fair transcript of the whole in the course of two years -

para 24

17. The renter of Tencalapooram did not profit by his vexations, and relinquished his contract without difficulty -

para 25

18. The error in the enumeration of tanks was in the Ahzor records and has been rectified -

19. Statement No. 4, shews the settlement of the lands assumed from the religious and charitable institutions of the Country by Mr. Hurdis and the allowances he fixed for each in lieu, which with Statement No. 5 drawn up after your Boards form, will I trust fully explain all that seems obscure to your Board on that head -

Para 11 of your Boards standing orders of the 13 July 1826 certainly directs the annual transmission of a report on Daviswtanom &ca. revenues, as early as possible after the close of the fusly - and when I took charge of the district + would have prepared to obey your instructions, I could find no records of former years, with the exception of monthly disbursements sent

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by the Tuhsildars, and no establishment to prepare them; but finding Mr Wroughton, the Sub Collector and Acting Principal Collector, had, on the 23d January 1834, begged your sanction for the pay of an efficient establishment to the amount of 203½ Rs per mensum, from the surplus funds of the pagodas, to which he received a decided refusal under what I deemed a misconception of his request, I ventured on the 24th March, to repeat his recommendation and had no notice taken of it. Feeling greatly the inconvenience, I ventured on the 25th November 1835, in modification of the prior requests, to ask for the entertainment of a Peshkar in the Meenatchee pagoda, on a monthly pay of 52½ Rupees. It was granted and the improvement in the state of the accounts of that pagoda, and the order, regularity and economy introduced thereby induce me anew to beg your sanction to the employment of a Gomastah in my own Office, on a monthly pay of 35 Rupees, to be similarly disbursed from the surplus funds of the pagoda.

19. In preparing my report of the 2d August I sought by its briefness to save you trouble. I find from your proceedings that I have carried the principle much too far, and that it has exposed me [illegible]. I hope the explanation offered in these papers will prove it is my conciseness alone that I have to blame for it/ to the many animadversions of your Board on matters which I certainly did not think of sufficient magnitude to call them forth or even to warrant my troubling you, in a Settlement report, with long explanatory details.

I beg to assure you of the interest I feel in the welfare

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of the district, and in proof that the administrations sub-sequent to 1237 have not been unsuccessful, I beg leave to rely on a Statement shewing the comparative improvement of the country since that period, being the last year of Mr Peters management, and the year immediately succeeding that which I selected as giving the highest revenue for compari-son in my report of the 2d August - and the monthly state of collections from the time I first took charge in 1243 will I hope prove the interests of Government have been no more neglected than the welfare of the people -

| Item | Fusly 1237 | Fusly 1245 including Ed. ... Maran... Yelli... putty & Mully... pady | Increase |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hamlets | 2781 | 2987 | 206 |
| Plough | 38814 | 17267 | 3653 |
| Res.t Ryots | 43142 | 54144 | 11004 |
| Non-Resd.t | 15813 | 13791 | 7978 |
| Tanks & Ponds | 5290 | 6537 | 1247 |
| Wells | 11613 | 13242 | 1629 |
| Houses | 12243 | 131257 | 7400 |
| Males | 240139 | 21339 | 23260 |
| Females | 234629 | 253613 | 18984 |
| Cows | 173855 | 181744 | 7889 |
| Bullocks | 96865 | 113945 | 17880 |
| Sheep | 367600 | 435113 | 67425 |
| | Cawnies | Cawnies | |
| Nunjah and Punjah Cultivation | 306053 | 396128 | 90075 |
| | Rupees | Rupees | |
| Land revenue including Peshcush | 1594244 | 1750791 | 156547 |

State of Collections.

| Fusly | August | Septr | Octr | Novr | Decr | Jany | Feby | March | Apl | May | June | July |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1242 | 13992 | 73401 | 116974 | 160438 | 327331 | 534307 | 705947 | 1007004 | 1293306 | 1533421 | 1770265 | 2001559 |
| 1243 | 37722 | 73042 | 123012 | 163032 | 355595 | 561090 | 846295 | 1154403 | 1433539 | 1704646 | 1903701 | 2154550 |
| 1244 | 47906 | 94400 | 143302 | 263542 | 452363 | 664772 | 890737 | 1207500 | 1513504 | 1759754 | 2021677 | 2179439 |
| 1245 | 55020 | 110157 | 164539 | 294505 | 504970 | 729024 | 957900 | 1270300 | 1507502 | 1840370 | 2122910 | 2229945 |

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
23 November 1836

No. 572 248 491

To
The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required in Suit No. 468 of 1836, of the file of the District Moonsiff of Teroopareneoondrum on the 6 Stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 12 instant, and 4 Stampt papers furnished by the Prosecutor as detailed in the Accompanying Tamil Memo.

Madura
24th November 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

This is to certify that W. E. Lockhart Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura, has received his pay & Fixed Tent allowance up to 31st August 1836, and to no later period from this Treasury.

Madura
24 Novr. 1836

To Princl. Collector of South Arcot

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 573.

To
The Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23 instant I have the honor to forward, for your information, Copy of an Address from the Post Office Writer of Cottampettah.

Madura
25th Novr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 158.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

On the 5 instant Petitioner returned me the

inclosed request to your Board together with an application to my own address, claiming arrears of pension from the date of his father's decease, till that of its renewal in his own name —

2 — It seems that petitioner's Grand father & father had been exiled to Prince of Wales island. The former died there and the latter was permitted to return, and on Mr. Peter's representation to Government, under date 12th April 1822 a pension was granted him of one Rupee a day from the 1st of that month —

3 — On the 11 July 1828 Mr. Peter forwarded an address from petitioner praying for the renewal of his father's pension in his name, stating it at 30 Rupees per mensem, and reporting that the deceased pensioner had died on 11 October 1826 — On the 29 July 1828 the Government sanctioned the Continuance of the pension of 30 rupees per mensem to Petitioner, Doneya Moya Thaven —

4 — The address of Petitioner, forwarded by Mr. Peter on the 11 July 1828 bears no date, but in the body of it Petitioner alludes to a previous address thro' the Tauldar, & also to instructions from Mr. Peter to wait till an answer should be received from Government. It is necessary for me to correct an error in Mr. Peter's letter arising from the incorrectness of the petition itself, for it appears from the treasury accounts that Petitioner's father died on the 11 October 1825, and the payment ceased from the end of that month. —

5. I am of opinion that if the address had been forwarded to Government immediately on the decease of the original pensioner, the request would have been granted; and

and under this view I beg to submit my opinion that the petition is "deserving of your Boards Consideration" -

Madrea 25 Nov^r 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburn Princ^l Collector

No 574

To The Accountant General Fort S^t George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week -

Madras 28 Nov^r 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburn Princ^l Collector

No 575

To The Secretary to the B^d of Revenue in the Dep^t of Public Works Fort S^t George

Sir

1 I have the honor to forward the Statement called for in your Circular of the 8 August (received on the 14th) of Occasional works executed in this district during the last ten years -

2 Many of these works appear, from various causes, to have been failures - in the remarks I have referred you to the diaries in explanation, and when the services of an Engineer are available in this district, I propose bringing some of the principal ones to his especial notice; - Tho' the execution of a work has not been always attended with the expected success it must not therefore be at once deemed that the undertaking has been injudicious - it may have been affected by drought bad seasons &c - I am about now to make a particular enquiry into what appear the principal failures. - In many places where no profit, or even slight loss

loss has accrued it will be necessary to consider what would have been the loss had the repair not been made, and I am afraid the estimates entered in the accompanying statement are not to be entirely relied on, on that head.

3.d It is only within the last 3 or 4 years that the native local authorities have learned the distinction betwixt 'Occasional' and 'Ordinary' Marramut, much attention is now being paid to the subject.

Madura }
28 Nov.r 1836. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No. 576

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department
of the Acct. Genl.s Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed in the 2d para of your letter of the 5 instant I have the honor to forward the remaining portion of my Duplicate Journal and Adjustment and closing Entries for the past Official year, and opening Entries and Alphabetical Index for the Current. The Ledger is under preparation and will be forwarded very shortly.

Madura }
28 Nov.r 1836. } (Sig.d) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Collector

No. 577

To The Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of adjustment and closing Entries of my books for last year as

will

as the opening Entries for the present, as sent from the Accountant General, on the 5th instant, and request you will affix the former to my Journals for the past Official year and prefix the latter to my Journal for May last, the first page of which must be numbered 5, and the Journal paged regularly throughout the year. –

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
28 Nov. 1836 } Princl. Collector

No. 578.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Promissory Notes No. 15319 of 1832/33, for Sicca Rupees 1900, and No. 11418 of 1832/33, for S. Rupees 1600, forwarded with your letter of the 23rd Instant. –

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
28 Nov. 1836 } Princl. Collr.

No. 579

To The Principal Collector
of the Southn. Division
of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to annex Copy of a letter from the Acting Civil Auditor dated 24 instant on the Subject of pay to be drawn by Mr. Lockhart Sub-Collector of this district. –

Madura } (Sig.) J. Blackburne
28 Nov. 1836 } Princl. Collr.

No. 580

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date requiring Authenticated Copies of documents in O.S. No. 234 of 1835, pending

pending before the Pundit Sud^r Ameen, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to direct the party to attend at my Office, to point out such part of the accounts as he requires, as it is impossible for the record Gomastah of my Office to find them out and I shall with great pleasure allow him to take Copies of them —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l Collector

Madura
29^th Nov^r 1836

Triplicate

This is to Certify, that a Detachment of the 33^d Reg^t N. I. Consisting of 1 Naique and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition on the 21^st November 1836, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27^th and were at liberty to return the next day —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l Collector

Madura
28 Nov^r 1836.

Received from the Acting Paymaster Southern Division a Draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees 12 ./. dated 25^th November 1836 being the amount of a Bill for the Conveyance of Treasure from Madura to Dindigul. —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l Collector

Madura
28^th Nov^r 1836.

No 581

To The Accountant General
and Sub Treasurer
Fort S^t George

Gentlemen,

Please to receive the public security hereunder mentioned into your Charge, according to the tenor of

of the advertissment, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 31st December 1810, No. 1531 1/2 of 1832/33 for Sicca Rupees 11900 Eleven thousand and nine hundred, dated 11 June 1835; also you will be pleased to remit the arrears of the interest accrued from 1st May 1835 as well as what may accrue, from time to time, on the above, by a Bill on the Principal Collector of Madura for the time being, after deducting the usual fees.—

Madura }
29th Novr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 582

To The Accountant General
& Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Please to receive the public security hereunder mentioned into your Charge, according to the tenor of the advertissment published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 31st Decr. 1810, No. 1418 of 1832/33, for Sicca Rupees 11600, Eleven thousand and six hundred, dated 26 August 1834; also you will be pleased to remit the arrears of the interest accrued from 1st November 1834 as well as what may accrue, from time to time, on the above, by a Bill on the Principal Collr. of Madura for the time being, after deducting the usual fees.—

Madura }
29th Novr. 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 583

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir

In further reference to my letter of the 25 instant, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of another address, and its Enclosure, from the Post Office

Writer

Writer of Cottampully, on the subject of the 2 Missing packets alluded to in your letter of the 23rd.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
30 Novr. 1836

No. 158.

To The President and Members
of the Bd. of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to return Petition No. 1024 of 1835, bearing your Board's indorsement of the 24 Septr. and received in my Office on the 28 October, with the following explanation of the circumstances that led me to give the decision complained of.—

2.— Previous to fusly 1212, the Odovār (reciting prases before the Idol) meerassee of Meenatchee Ammal Pagoda in Madura, was the birth-right of the three brothers Soondara Pandy, Madura Naick Odovar and Tandava moortee cavarayen.— The last was a poet & does not seem originally to have troubled himself about earthly acquisitions.—

3. Soondara Pandy had no issue, but adopted Seevagooroo-nada-Odovār, the youngest son of his second brother.— Madura Naick Odovār had three sons viz.t Soondara Sekur, Soondara Pandy, and the above named Seeva-gooroo-nada Odovār.—

Tandava-moortee-cavarayen had two Sons, viz.t Goorooswamy and Meenatchee Soondrom.—

4.— In fusly 1212 the Meerassee was entered

in the names of Seevāgooroo-nada Odovār, the adopted son of the eldest brother, and of Soondara Soken, the eldest son of the second brother, whilst their remaining brother, Soondara-Pandy, enjoyed the situation of Coil Manaigar.

5. On the 15 November 1815 the poet, Tandava-moortee-cavarayen, was nonsuited by the Zillah Court in No. 119 of 1811, in his claim to recover participation in the Odovār meerassee from his nephews, and for other property, on the ground of no enjoyment during the preceding 25 years.

6. Seeva-gooroo-nada Odovār died in 1822 without issue.

Soondara Soken died in early 1238 leaving an only son, Soondara Pandy, about 5 years of age, who succeeded to his share of the Meerassee without dispute.

Soondara Pandy died in November 1821, leaving one son, Chokalingom, about 12 years old and a daughter. The situation of Coil manaigar was given to Gooroosawmy, and on his death the Sub Collector conferred it on a bramin no way connected with the family: it is not an hereditary right.

Of the Poets two sons, Gooroosawmy died in August 1831, leaving one son Tandava-moortee, about 11 years of age; and Meenatchee Soondrom died in 1830, without issue.

7. In 1827 Meenatchee Soondrom, youngest son of the poet, put in his claim to the succession to Seevagooroo-nada-Odovārs meerassee in dispute since 1822, which claim was admitted by Mr. Collector Peter on the 30 October of that year.

8. From Meenatchee Soondrom's death, in 1830, the succession appears to have been disputed by many, and on the

19th

19th January 1833 the Sub Collector ordered that the enjoyment should be forbidden to any one previous to which order the duties appear to have been performed by a Gomastah on behalf of Soondara Sheen so long as he was alive –

9. When the Sub Collector's division was transferred to my immediate charge, in exchange for other talooks, I found that confused claim still in litigation and on the 29 November 1834 relying on the propriety of Mr Peters decision I awarded the share to the heir of the prior incumbent viz. to his only brother's only son, he himself having died as above shewn without issue setting aside like Mr Peter the claim of Agalanaden the widow of Sevaganoo nala Odwar, who as a female is clearly incompetent to the succession, and also of Chokalingom the son of Soondara Pandy –

10. I shall be happy in forwarding any further information that may be required by your Board

Madura
30 Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 584

To The Accountant in the Revenue Dept.
of the Acctt Genl Office
Fort St George

Sir

I In forwarding my estimate of collections &c. from January to June 1827 I take the liberty of observing that if the season should turn out more favorable than we now dare hope, the collections will exceed the estimate – I hope they will not be less –

Madura
30 Novr 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 159

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Since my address of the 21st. Ultimo, the Madura district has only had the benefit of one good shower of rain that lasted for about an hour on the 23d. And Dindigul has been entirely without any.

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What punjah Crops were at that period on the ground are still alive, as are also the nunjah Crops; but the fields are less wet and the plants looking more sickly than when I last wrote. Some of the nunjah, which I then expected might have been saved, is entirely lost, for tho' the plant is still alive it is too far advanced to hope for any grain even if abundant rain was now
[illegible] and the ryots are prepared

to petill their fields for punyah Crops, if future rain should authorize their attempt.

In my half yearly estimate, forwarded yesterday, to the Accountant General, I have led him to anticipate a decrease of revenue below that of last year to the amount of 4,01,845 Rs.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
1st Decr.
1830.

No. 585 254 5.03

To

The Accountant in the Revenue Depart.t
of the Account.t Gen.l Office
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 28th Ult.o
D I have the honor to forward the Ledger of this Collectorate
for the past Official year 1835/36.-

Madura }
1st Decr. 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

No. 586

To

The Officer Commanding
Dindigul.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 28 Instant
30th I beg leave to inform you flour is not sold in Dindigul, &
what is entered under that name is meant for wheat. The
D entry of 166 Rupees for this same article in the preceding month
is an error which I am sorry I did not correct before re-
ceiving your communication.-

Madura }
1st Decr. 183[illegible] }

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

No. 33. Exchange for Company's Rupees ... 2000 - " - "

To

The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from John Blackburn
Esq.re Principal Collector of Madura the sum of Compy's. Rupees
Two thousand to be paid at Madras I request you will, at ten
D days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same
tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs.
Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura }
1st Decr. 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collector

No 28

To The Secretary to Government
in the Public Dep^t.
Fort S^t. George

Sir
I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's Rupees Two, paid by M^r. E. P. Thompson Acting Judge of Madura, being the price of four Fort S^t. George Gazettes, lost by the late Judge M^r. Hooper.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Collector

Madura
Tirpatore
4^th Dec^r. 1836.

No 34 Exchange for Company's Rupees 2

To The Accountant General
Fort S^t. George

Sir
Having received from Edward Penton Thompson Esq^r. Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees two, being the price of four Fort S^t. George Gazettes, lost by the late Judge M^r. Hooper, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Collector

Madura
Tirpatore
4 Dec^r. 1836.

No 59

To The Acting Superintendent of Stamps.
Fort S^t. George

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28 Ultimo, and to forward Copy and translate of the Security Bond, tendered on behalf of the

the Stamp Agent of this District. All Tahsildars are Authorized to dispose of Stamp papers &c. in their respective Talooks; but no Separate Security Bonds are taken from them on this account, as the Security tendered by them on their Nomination as Tahsildar is deemed sufficiently Ample for all responsibility. —

Madura
Sheragunga
Thirpatoor
4. Decr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

"To the Company"

[Tra]nslation of a Security Bond Executed by Appasawmy Moodely [son o]f Kistnasawmy Moodely, of Madura. Writen in the Principal [Col]lector's Office on the 9th December 1835.—

The Government having been pleased to appoint Iyalo Naick, Deputy Accountant Stamp Agent and as I stand security that he should be Careful in securing and selling Stampt papers &c. and remitg. the sale proceeds punctually, I hereby bind myself and my heirs, to be responsible for the due performance thereof by the above said person and to make good any deficiencies that may Occur, and with my free will and Consent I Execute this Security Bond.

(Sigd.) Appasawmy Moodelly

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

[Witn]esses
[S]igd. Kistnyengar
Davepatnam Sea Custom
Gomastah.

Noorloollah Sheriff

(True Translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Memo:

The Principal Collector requests the Sub's particular, and when opportunity occurs, personal attention to the works entered in Occasional estimates [x] already executed, and requests to be favored with the assign'd causes for their failure and the Sub Collector's own careful opinion on the subject and if it is desirable to take them again in hand, or request the attention of a Civil Engineer to them.

[x] as per list enclosed

Madura Shreepatoor 4th Decr. 1836 } To the Sub Collr. of Dindigul. (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 58

To The Acting Judge in the Zillah of Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 3rd Inst. I have the honor to inform you an Order was issued to the Mandacolum Tahsildar on the 28 Ultimo, directing him to pay 900 Rupees from the sale proceeds of the Cocoa nut tope, being the amount of the Mortgage claim of Dutchanamootoo pillay and the order will probably, by this time, have been complied with.

Madura Coonnacoodee 5th Decr. 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 159

To The President and Members of the Bd. of Revenue Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request my Acting Head Assistant, Mr. Goodwyn's application to me to obtain your permission for one month's leave of absence to Madras,

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on private affairs, from the date of his quitting the district, at the end of December or beginning of January next, may be Complied with.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Coll^r.

Madura }
Connacoody }
5^th. Dec^r. 1836 }

Received from the Register to the Zillah Court of Madura, this 7^th day of December 1836, the sum of Comp^y. Rupees 695. 13. 6, being amount of fees & penalties levied and proceeds of sales of paper &c^a. in the month of November last.-

Madura Dis^t. }
Connacoody }
5^th. Dec^r. 1836. }

To the Register of the Zillah Court Madura

(Sig^d.) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Collector

N^o. 589

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 3^d Ultimo I have the honor to forward another Complaint against the Zemindar of Maniyachee of having Committed further disturbance and taken possession of Certain punjah lands in the limits of Puvaany, a Village of the Ramaswaram Davastanom, and request you will be so good as to enquire into the Case, and pass such orders as you deem proper to prevent any further disturbance between the Parties.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Coll^r.

Madura }
Sakkai }
6^th. december 1836 }

N^o. 590

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to forward, for your information, Copy of an address from the Ameen of the Ramaswaram Davastanom, and request you will be good enough

enough to give the necessary orders to the Tahsildar of Sheevyconden on the subject.

Madura
Sakai
6th December 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 29

To The Post Master General
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Memo of Charges for the necessary and urgent repair of a Choultry for Tappal runners at Ramaswaram, and request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for my entering it in my accounts. The place is required only for 3 months in the year.

Madura
Sakai
6th December 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 29

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

Engh. Acts No. XXIII to XXV of 1836
Tamil } XXIII & XXIV
Teloogoo } of ditto
D

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo accompanied by two printed Copies of each of the Acts noted in the Margin.

Madura
Thavacottah
7th December 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Memo.

Engh. Acts No. XXIII to XXV of 1836
Tamil } XXIII & XXIV
Teloogoo } of do.
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The Principal Collector has the honor to forward to the Acting Sub Collector one set of printed Copies of each of the Acts noted in the Margin.

Madura
Thavacottah
7th Decr. 1836

To the Sub Collr.
Dindigul

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 892 257 509

To

The Assistant Surgeon

Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th Instᵗ giving cover to copy of one from the Superintending Surgeon of the Division, of the 2nd Instᵗ, I have the honor to inform you the only ... medical practitioner on account in this Collectorate, has been directed to wait upon you at 7 A.M. On the 14 Current.

Madura
Dancotay
7th Decr 1834

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 893

To

The Assistant Surgeon

Madura

Sir,

I have just been favored with your letter of the 5th Instant, giving cover to one of the 21st Ultimo from the Superintending Surgeon of the Division which I have the honor to return.

In the list which accompanied that letter, the service of the three native medical practitioners attached to the collectorate, would appear to be recent, this a consequent on their entry being made according to the last sanctioned payment but in point of fact they have long been attached to the revenue offices, Subroya Pundit having been originally entertained in 1803; Mootoo Carpen in 1829, & Vencatachella Naick in 1830.

It is difference of caste that makes it desirable there should be two native medical practitioners in my own Cachery; and another reason is that when on circuit I rarely, if ever, take out above a very small portion of my

my revenue and police establishment. - and a third is that when I am under the necessity of congregating large bodies of men in unhealthy places for repairs of dams and weirs &ca it is evidently desirable I should have such a man at my disposal. -

In other respects I am of opinion native dressers educated under the European medical officer are to be preferred to those selected as these have been. -

Daniedlay } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th Decr 1836 } Princl Collr

No 594

To The Post Master General
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to your Circular of the 6th October last, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day paid from my Treasury Company's Rupees 135 - 4 - 2 / One hundred and thirty five, Annas four and pice two, being the Surplus Charges of the Post Office Department in Excess of the Collections for the Month of December 1836. -

Daniedlay } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th Decr 1836 } Princl Collr

No 595

To The Accountant in the Revenue Depts of the Accnt Genls Office
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to your letter bearing date 8 April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Depts

of

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of this Presidency as described in the accompanying list.

Madura
Darcottah
7th December 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 596.

To The Accountant General &
Sub-Treasurer
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant accompanied by your receipts in duplicate for the two undermentioned Promissory notes of the Four per Cent Loan of 7th June 1831, deposited in your Charge.

No. 1141 of 1832/33 dated 1st May 1832 for S. Rs. 11600 - . -
" 1531 of " ditto for " 11900 - . -

Madura
Kuttanyel
10th Decr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 160.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I am very sorry to be obliged to continue my periodical report on the season, and to state that no rain have fallen since my last the chance of saving even a portion of the crops becomes daily less.

2. The Tahsildar of Melur, comprising also Shoroombor, Nattum, and Corsocoorey, gave me verbally a more favorable account of the cultivation, than was borne out by my own inspection. I believe, however, it has suffered less than any other of the talooks. I next visited Tri-
=patoor

Trupatoor, Amravutty and Saktai of the Sheragunga Zemindarry All the best lands have been given by the Zemindar on rent, and pledge; the produce of what remains to himself is next to nothing. The settlement of the whole of Saktai it is supposed would not amount to 1000 Rupees. The Ramnad talooks of Anamentagoody, Trotaganaud and Ooroor have been richly cultivated, and extreme pains have been taken and continue to be taken, to preserve the crops in hope of speedy rains still bringing them to maturity.—

3. The whole of Dindigul is in a highly distressing state, and I have found it advisable to issue orders to act on the instructions of Government, communicated with your proceedings of the 10th Ult.;—and will use every means in my power to ensure the wishes of Government being fully accomplished.—

4. Many of the Ryots of Ramnad & Sheragunga will resort to their old practise of temporary emigration to the richer landholders of Tanjore, where they are in the habit of doing hard labor for them, for mere subsistance.—

The Ramnad Zemindar has been for some months very slowly improving his means of irrigation by the expenditure of the Interest of money on Compy's paper, lodged in my treasury, and permitted by the Sudr Udalut to be appropriated to this purpose: a considerable sum remains, which I shall urge him, and I doubt not with full success, to appropriate in a similar manner in those villages where distress presses heaviest.—

5. The Sheragunga Zemindar is too careless of

of business, and of the comforts of the Ryots under him for me to hope for the slightest assistance from him - I submitted some time ago an estimate for the reconstruction of a very much required road from Madura to Tondi; - The sanction for its immediate execution would be a great relief to the inhabitants of this Zemindary thro' the heart of which it runs. -

Madura
Kuttyval
10th Decr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 591

To
The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Authenticated Copies of the documents required by the Plaintiff in O S No. 233 of 1835 pending before the Pundit Sadr. Ameen; on the 3 Stamped papers forwarded with your letter of the 28 Ultimo. -

Tondi
12th December 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 35 Exchange for Company's Rupees 350 - - -

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Thomas William Goodwyn Esqr., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees, Three hundred and Fifty to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their Order, as per advice from

Madura
Kuttyval
10th December 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 598

To The Acting Princl. Collector
South Arcot
Cuddalore

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 9th Instt. I beg leave to return Mr. Lockhart's receipts that the date of payment may be certified by your Signature on the face of them –

Madura
Dairpatam
14th Decr. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 599

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of Mr. R. Davidson Head Asst. Collector of your District for the amount paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary, House Rent & Tent allowance for November 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors."

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|---|---|
| Salary for Novr. 1836 | 525 – – |
| Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ per Cent | 32. 13 – |
| | 492. 3 – |
| House rent for do. | 35 – – |
| Tent allowance for do. | 42 – – |
| Rupees | 569. 3 – |

Madura
Dairpatam
14th December 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 600

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Sub-

scription

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Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week. -

Madura Darpatam 14th Decr. 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 601

To, The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. E. P. Thompson, Assistant Judge of your District, for the Amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary for November 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & Credit, on his account, to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of Remittances and Transfer between Collectors -

| | |
|---|---|
| Salary for November 1836 | 1400 - - |
| Deduction on account of Civil fund @ 6 per cent | 84 - - |
| Rupees | 1316 - - |

Madura Darpatam 14th Decr. 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collector

No. 603

To, The British Resident Tanjaore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Marattah Memo. of the expenditure incurred in restoring H. Highness the Rajah's Mundapum, at this place, and beg leave to inform you that besides being the most Substantial in the whole country, it is from its size, the most Convenient.

I would beg to suggest H. H. would authorize me to receive 1 3/4 Rupees per mensem from the Pundarom of Ramaswaram, Superintendent of H. Highness Charity

charity at Danishcottai, for the purpose of maintaining a man to sweep and watch the Mandapum -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
Davipatam
new Parhanuvu
14th December 1836

No 161

To The President & Members
of the Bd of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen

In the salt pans of Vattanam and Munnapoody I discontinued the manufacture during the current year because of the quantity on hand when I prepared my estimate last year. The Ryots have lost, from drought, almost the whole of their Punjah cultivation, and a great portion of the Nunjah and are reduced to great distress; I have the honor to request your early sanction to an advance to them of a sum not exceeding 2000 Rupees which will be one third of what they will probably have to receive during the next season and will be collected from them in the ensuing three months. -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
Davipatam
14 Decr 1836

No 162

To the President and Members
of the Bd of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

Three applications have been made,

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to me by ryots proposing to dig wells and thereby strive to save their rice Crops, provided only half, and one third, tax be exacted from them.

If I comply with them many more may possibly come and I shall be deemed to have acted improperly for not awaiting your orders: in many cases your answer to this, if favorable, will be useless - In other it may still be acted upon -

I request to be favored with your instructions -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Davepatam
14th Decr. 1835

No. 602.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward an authenticated Copy of the document required in O. S. No. 202 of 1835, pending before the Pundit Sudr Ameen on the stampt paper forwarded with your letter of the 6th instt. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Ramnad
15th Decr.
1835

No. 603

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 16th April last I have the honor to forward Copy of a Tusdeek or regulated Charges for Oochekaula Cuttaly in Madacdvilaguem Pagoda, Sheevelly pootoor in your District -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura Ramnad
15th Decr. 1836

No. 604.

To The 2d. Assistant Civil Engineer in charge 4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th instant I have the honor to inform you that, on the 8th June last, I submitted to the Inspector General of Civil Estimates an Abstract Statement of Works of public Utility constructed by individuals in this District, at their private cost. Should you still require a Copy, it shall be sent.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura Chikle
18th December 1836

Memorandum

The Principal Collector of Madura has great satisfaction in forwarding the accompanying extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 28th Ultimo for the information of the Guardian and Manager of the Ramnad Zemindaree.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Ramnad 16th Decr. 1836.

NB. With this was sent Copy of the 5th Para: of the above Minutes.

No. 605

To the Post Master General
Madras

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8th instt. (received 10th) I have the honor to forward translates of 2 addresses from the Post Office Writer at Colampully and one from the Tappal Gomastah at Covilputty, which would intimate that the 2 packets were not lost in this district. I regret that I can obtain no further

information about them. Copies of the addresses, of which I now forward you translated, were duly communicated to the Collector of Trichinopoly, without a day's delay.

I have the honor to return the road Index.

The petition you have favored me with contains nothing new to me, and I only regret that I cannot draw advantage from it. I am giving every possible attention to the conveying of the Mails between Palamcottah and Trichinopoly, and will not fail to take advantage of any information I may obtain.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura, Checkal
18th Decr. 1830.

Translation of an address from Malyapa Soondra Modely Post office Writer of Cotampetty

I beg to inform you that up to the 23d instant I continue attentive to my duties. On the 20th I examined and compared with the road index, the Mail from Madura and from the 29 packets in it, I took out one for Dindigul, and one for Cotampetty, and replaced, with the remaining 27 packets, 5 that had come from Dindigul, making 32 packets, which I entered in the road Index, counted them in the presence of the Tappal runner Ramasawmy, sealed the Bag and despatched to the northward mean time the Post office writer of Trichinopoly writes me on the 21st instant, that one packet from Palamcottah to Trichinopoly and one for Madras, had not been received, and desiring me to forward them if

they

they had been mislaid. I wrote in answer, on the 23^d. informing him that all the packets had been despatched as entered in the road index, and none had been mislaid. I therefore beg to suggest that as the packets received at this Post office are generally very few in number, it is not likely mistakes in the counting, or mislaying, of packets should occur, and which very probably might be the case at Trichinopoly, where there is a large Establishment of servants, and many packets are received daily. It would therefore be proper to make enquiry there. Please to know this.

(Signed) Malyapa Soondrom Modely
P. O. Writer.

Colamputty 23^d Nov^r. 1836.

From ditto ... ditto.

With reference to the subject contained in the order No. 1276, dated 24^th. Nov^r., I have fully reported upon it in my address, No. 29, of the 23^d. Consequent on a letter I received from the Post office Writer of Trichinopoly, dated 21^st. Of the 29 packets that came with the mail from Madura on the 20^th., I took out 2, One for Colamputty, and one for Dindigul, and added 5 packets, received from Dindigul, making 32 packets, all which were counted in the presence of Coomben, son in law of Eroolen the Tappal runner of Vuryeenagarom, the runner that brought the mail from Madura, and of Ramasawmy, Tappal runner at Colamputty, and put them in a Bag and sealed and despatched them. I beg to enclose 2 depositions given by the above persons together with a Memo: of the packets received and despatched daily at this office.

Please to know this.

Colamputty
26^th. Nov^r. 1836.

(Signed) Malyapa Soondrom Modely.

(True translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l. Coll^r.

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Translation of an address from Seenivasien Tappal Gomastah of Covilputty.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the order No. 1277 dated 24th instant, informing me that of the 37 packets despatched from Cotampatty on the 22d one for Madras and one for Trichinopoly despatched from Palamcottah, were missing and directing me to enquire & report what became of them.

In obedience thereto I beg to state that the Tappal runners say it has been usual for them to observe the seal only on the bag and that they do not know how the packets were lost. I also look at the seal & dispatch it on to Trichinopoly. Please to know this.

Covilputty
27th Novr 1830

(Signed) Seenivasien
Tappal Gomastah

(True translate)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

No. 606.

To Lieutenant J. Inverarity 2d Asst Civil Engineer
4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Princl Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Company's rupees (305-12-) being the amount of pay due to the Establishment of the Civil Engineer's department for Novr 1830, as requested in your letter of the 6th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura Sheckel
18th Decr 1830

Exchange for Company's Rupees 305-12-"

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieutt J. Inverarity 2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division in charge, the

sum of Company's rupees three hundred and five, & Annas twelve, being the amount of pay due to the Establishment of the Civil Engineer's department, for Novr 1836; which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura, Shickul
10th Decr 1836

No 607

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieutt J. Inverarity 2d Assistt Civil Engineer, 4th Division, in charge at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and five, and Annas twelve, being the amount of Pay due to the Establishment of the Civil Engineer's departt for Novr 1836; which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura Shickul
10th Decr 1836

No 608

To the Principal Collector of Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to return an original rowanah delivered on the arrival of 4 Vis and 1 3/4 seer of opium, consigned to Dindigul, as intimated in your letter of the 10th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura Casoogoosunday
19th December 1836

N.º 609. 264 523

To the Post Master General

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a list of runners in this Collectorate, and beg to inform you great improvements are making in the high road thro' it from Trichinopoly to Palamcottah which, when complete, will, I hope, enable me to obtain a somewhat increased rate of speed from the runners.

I have it in contemplation to recommend the abolition of the Covilputty tappal station and the transfer of the gomasta to assist the writer at Madura.

Also to suggest a double number of runners between Madura and Ramnad during the period the Ceylon Mail is conveyed by that route; as tho' the tappal distance is given as 64 Miles with 8 runners, at 8 Miles each, the distance is in fact 73 Miles.

Also to change the running between Cotampatty and Dindigul from night to day time but I am waiting for some further information and a day or two of leisure before I can assure myself such suggestions will be advisable.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura Codoogoosunday
19th December 1830.

N.º 610

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required by the defendants

Vakeel in O. S. No. 146 of 1835, pending before the Register, as described in the Tamil Mems:, on 8 of the 14 stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 3d instant; the remaining 6 stampt papers are herewith returned, not being required -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Cadoogoosunday
19th Decr. 1836

No. 611

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 3d instant requiring authenticated Copies of documents in Suit No. 108. of 1834, pending before the Register, I have the honor to forward a tamil Mems: stating reasons why they are not furnished -

The three stampt papers are herewith returned -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Cadoogoosunday
19th Decr. 1836

No. 163-

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. Since despatch of my last I am sorry not to be able to report any fall of rain or flow of water in the rivers. As I proceed thro' the Zemindaries of Shevagunga and Ramnad I learn nothing but decreased cultivation, and loss of produce of great portion of what land has been sown -

2. The Ramnad Manager has laid out much

money, and continues to assist his people very much by the attention he is paying to the repairs of his tanks and water-courses - Upwards of 5000 head of Cattle from neighbouring countrees, that are now in this talook of Paupancoleum, and which generally remain here for several months grazing, will be obliged to leave for want of water and food in 15 or 20 days, if there be no fall of rain - The Manager of Ramnad proposes immediately allowing the Cultivation of the Nunjah lands with punjah grain, at a reasonable rate, with a view to assist the people and to obtain a trifle from the land himself -

Madura, Ramnad
Sayelgoody
20th Decr 1830.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 164

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that certain wooden Vehicles of Manyemcoorchee Pagoda, in Maroongapoory, have become, from want of paint unserviceable for the procession of the Idol, and beg to request your sanction for painting them anew, at an expence of Rups. 129. 3 - from the surplus fund of rupees 1496-8-8, now in deposit - The Estimate shall be furnished if you require it -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Sayelgoody
20th Decr 1830

No 165

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George -

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anying -

Gentlemen,

Para 1 - The Sheevagunga Zemindar, claims right from long established practice, and from no other cause, to exact from the Inhabitants of his Zemindary 920 Sheep and 95 Fowls at the annual celebration of the Dessurah, and he holds tenaciously to this right, as affecting his honor and dignity -

2 - I can well believe it has long been the Custom, but it seems to have arisen out of abuse - and to judge from the many complaints which have been made to me, for a long period of time, I am inclined to think that were the priviledge which he claims has been abundantly abused -

3 - I have in vain urged him to give up his claim, and have hitherto refrained from begging your sanction to put an entire prohibition to the exaction, by proclamation, because I have long been in almost monthly expectation of the Estate being assumed, when I could have introduced the innovation without hurting his feelings; but as these exactions are likely to be extended in the present season of scarcity, and as they will now be felt infinitely more oppressive, I do not think it consistent with my duty to remain longer silent -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Colr

Madura
Camonthey
22d Decr
1830

No. 166                                                                 268 / 5.27

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements

Goods Confiscated
Salt Confiscated

Madura Sevelputty
21st December 1830

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 616.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura Sevelputty
21st Decr. 1830

No. 617

To the Collector of Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of J. W. Goodwyn Esqre. Register to the Zillah Court of your district, for the amount paid to him, from this treasury, on account of his salary and house rent for Novr. 1830, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors"

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|---|---|
| Salary for Novr. 1830 | 525 .. .. |
| Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per cent | 32 13 .. |
| | 492 3 .. |
| House rent for do. | 35 .. .. |
| Rs. | 527 3 .. |

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura Sevelputty
21st Decr. 1830

No. 611

To Sergeant Chennell
In charge of Sappers and Miners
Ramnad

The Principal Collector of Madura has no instructions regarding the sappers and Miners under Sergeant Chennell, but considering the service for which they are destined, he recommends his immediate progress to Paumbon, where he can give his aid and instructions to the Collectors servants and the Convicts already arrived there, in raising the huts and bungalows for the accomodation of themselves and officers -

Such orders as seem necessary have been issued to the local authorities -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Permagudi
24th. Decr. 1830.

(margin:) Attenkarey miles - 12.
…neytoray (… Paumben) miles 16
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No. 612

To the Officer Commanding 5th. Regiment
Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to return your letter of this month, sent me thro' the Sub Collector, and request you will be so good as to put a date to it corresponding with your office Copy, as also to insert the amount of the draft -

The Sub Collector did not forward me the draft alluded to; if you have it still, I shall be obliged by your sending it to me -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Permagudi
24th. Decr. 1830.

No. 613

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 20th. instant

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with its enclosures, I have the honor to state that I cannot comply with the requests of the defendants Vydoorea Iyen and Narna Iyen in cause No. 218 of 1831 of the file of the District Moonsiff of Terooparangoondum, because the amount proceeds of the Enam Villages in the Dewastanom department is required to discharge arrears of salary due by the defendants to the Cooks in the Pagoda, for which purpose the Villages were originally granted.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Abramum 23. Decr. 1830.

No. 614.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th instant I have the honor to forward answers given by Annajee Row Tahsildar of Thenkeray and Vencatarow Gomastah of the same Talook to the interrogations forwarded by you.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Paramagudi
24th Decr. 1830.

No. 615.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required by the Plaintiffs in O. S. No. 146 of 1835, pending before the Register, on 17 Stampt papers, 15 of which were forwarded with your letter of the 5th instant, and two furnished by the Plaintiffs as detailed in the accompanying Tamil Memo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Permagudi 24th Decr. 1830.

No. 619

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 statements of Charges incurred, one for Rs. 34-11-4 in remitting 50000 C. Rups.

to the Collector of Tinnevelly on the 17th September, and another for Rs 6-6-5 in remitting 3541 CRs & 4 pice, to the Prinl. Collector of Tanjore, on the 3d October 1836 & request that the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

The Certificates taken from the officers escorting the treasure are likewise enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura
26th Decr 1836

No. 620

To the Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division in Charge
Coimbatore

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant and its enclosures, I have the honor to state that the rupee therein retrenched by Government is the hire of 8 Carpenters paid at 2 as each. In the Extract from the account particular of Charges incurred for constructing and repairing Cutcherries of this district for Fusly 1245, which accompanied your letter, there is entered only 21 Carpenters @ 2 as each, Rs 2-10; but in the Copy of my office 29 Carpenters are entered, and a sum of Rups 3-10 paid at 2 as each; a true Extract from my office Copy for this latter Charge is herewith forwarded, and I request the sanction of Government may be obtained for it.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura
26th Decr 1836

No. 621

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instant, requiring authenticated Copies of documents in Suit No. 454 of 1836, pending before the district Moonsiff of Teroopparangoondum, I have the honor to forward a Tamil Memo: stating

stating reasons why they have not been furnished -

The three stampt papers are herewith returned -

(signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Manamadura
26th Decr. 1830

No. 167

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The accompanying statement which I have the honor to submit, shews the balance due at the time the Mailacottah estate was assumed and incorporated in fusly 1225, with the land revenue of this Collectorate, and the subsequent collections -

The balance against the estate due to Governmt. at the end of Decr. was Rups. 1789-6-1, without any balance against the ryots, with exception of the advances made them for the Cultivation for the present fusly, and as the Zemr. intreats, in his address of the 14th ultimo, the restitution of his estate, on payment of the balance, I have the honor to communicate his demand with a recommendation that it be complied with, as there has been no formal surrender, and as it was incorporated on the same day and under the same circumstances as the Nadoocottah estate which was similarly restored to the Zemindar, on application of a former Collector, in fusly 1237 -

From Collr. 30th Augt. 1827
To Collector 6th Septr. 1827

(signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura Manamadura
26th Decr. 1830

No. 622

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week -

(signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura Thirpoovanum
27th Decr. 1830

No. 6[illegible]

To the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have been much concerned to ascertain that my deputy Accountant, on receiving back the Account Current with your signature for October, found that he had erroneously entered the 2 Rupees, which he most improperly, but without any evil intention, erased before forwarding to Madras and unfortunately he does not yet perceive that he has done any thing wrong.

As it is so done it will cause much trouble to correct the error in my accounts which have already been forwarded to Madras. If it can be amended in your forwarding copy of this letter in excuse, at Madras, I shall be glad.

If not I must amend it here.

Copy of the Account Current as it was sent from my office after being modified, tho' bearing your Counter signature is forwarded for your information.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 28th. Decr. 1836.

No. 624.

To the Acting Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required in O. S. No. 101 of 1835. on one of the three stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 8th instant. The remaining 2 stampt papers are herewith returned not being required.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Cr.

Madura
28th. Decr. 1836

No. 625.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated

Copies of the documents required in O: S: No. 147 of 1835 on 6 of the 8th Stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 14th instant - The remaining 2 Stampt papers are herewith returned not being required -

J

Madura 28th Decr. 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 626.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward authenticated Copies of the documents required in O. S. No. 101 of 1835, pending before the Register, on the 3 stampt papers forwarded with your letter of the 7th instant, agreeably to the Tamil Memo: —

J

Madura 28th Decr. 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 627.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the department of public works
Fort St George -

Sir,

You will oblige me much by informing me if there exists any objection to my taking and making use of the stones from the Ramparts &c of the Madura Fort, when required for public purposes.

They are constantly used in such way, and even by private Individuals. no one offers objections and I know not any one who has authority to object, tho' if I was aware of their being taken to any extent by one Individual, I should no doubt report it for your information -

J

Madura 28th Decr. 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 628.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 15th Ultimo

I have the honor to send the Pymash Chitta Account of Soondra=
=pandeam Village, together with a Memorandum to enable you
to discover the spots in dispute from this account -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th Decr. 1836.

No. 30.

To the Secretary to Government in the public Dept.
Fort St. George -

Sir,

With reference to the notification, published in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th June 1836, (Page 444) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees Twelve, paid by Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura being the price of Circular orders of the Sudder and Foujdary Adawlut -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th Decr. 1836.

No. 30 Exchange for Company's Rupees - 12 -

To the Accountant General -
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the sum of Company's rupees Twelve, being the price of Circular orders of the Sudder and Foujdary Adawlut, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Secretary to Govt. in the public department, but not to his order, as pr. advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura 28th Decr. 1836.

No. 168.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Account particular, with Explanations, for the Charges objected to by Govt. in the Extracts from the statements of Charges, incurred without

Estimate, in fusly 1245 of this Collectorate transmitted with your letter of the 8th instant, and request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for them -

Madura 29th Decr 1836 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

No. 629

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 20th instant I have the honor to inform you the packets specified in your Index, as despatched on the 20th ultimo, arrived here in perfect safety -

(Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 29th Decr 1836

No. 630.

To the Accountant General Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a quarterly return of remittances required to be made to the Presidency by the Civil Servants of this station -

(Signed) J Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 30th Decr 1836

No. 631

To the Civil Auditor Fort St George -

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St George Gazette, dated 16th instant, (Page 868) I have the honor to transmit a statement which may contain information you may desire to have, tho' no servant holds two situations -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl Collr

Madura 30th Decr 1836

No. 169

To the President and Members of the Bd of Revenue Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 21 ultimo, and agreeably to the instructions contained in para: 3, I have the honor to forward a list, shewing the percentage of wastage fixed per each heap for the salt pans of this district, for this year, in conformity with the 18th para: of the salt rules -

Madura 30th Decr 1836 - (signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 170

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George -

Gentlemen,

1 - Since I had last the honor to address you on the subject of the weather, I have had only one favorable report, which was of a very small fresh, having been received into the Vighey as far as Sholavandan, by which the tanks as far as that town were filled - and at the same time a fresh was received in the Manjaneddy by which the tanks in a similar small number of villages (about five or six) received one month's supply in the Thenkurray talook -

2 - Tho' I have no reports of rain I daily expect them, as during the last 3 days we have had showers with much cloud, and decreased strength of wind -

3 - The accompanying Copy of a report from the Sub Collr will better explain the state of his division than any abstract I could give of it -

Madura 30th Decr 1836 (signed) J Blackburne
Pl Collr

No 31 -

To the Secretary to Government
in the public department
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St George

Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit 2 Bills on the Accountant General for CRs six, paid by Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Princl. Collrs Cutcherry of Madura, and Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 30th Decr 1836.

No 37 Exchange for Company's Rupees - 3 " - "

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of CRs three, being the amount of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Govt in the public dept, but not to his order, as pr advice from-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura 30th Decr 1836

No 38 Exchange for Company's Rupees - 3 " - "

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the sum of Company's Rups three, being the amount of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Govt in the public department, but not to his order, as pr advice from-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
31st Decr 1836